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Belfast Goes To Woosung

The cruiser HMS Belfast left the Colony yesterday afternoon for Woosung.

She was ordered north by the Flag Officer second-in-command, Far East Station, Vice-Adm. A.C.G. Madden, who is to transfer his flag and staff from the cruiser London, damaged in the recent Yangtze incident, to the Belfast.

A Naval announcement this morning said that the Belfast is expected to reach the mouth of the Yangtze tomorrow morning.

It added that the future movements of the two cruisers are not yet known.

British Liner Breaks In Two

NO LIVES LOST

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 26.—The British liner Magdalena broke in two in Rio de Janeiro harbour today shortly after being freed from the rock on which she ran aground yesterday. The two halves of the new 17,000-ton Royal Mail liner are partly submerged.

Brazilian destroyers rushed to the spot and succeeded in throwing lines aboard in an attempt to tow the sections to safety. Many small craft in harbour surrounded the broken liner, ready to pick up the 238-man crew that had stayed aboard to attend to salvage operations.

All 388 passengers were rescued yesterday by a Brazilian steamer shortly after the Magdalena struck a reef. Today ship was refloated early today at high tide after jettisoning some 2,000 tons of oil. It was being towed to port here and broke in half just after entering the harbour.

The Magdalena is insured with Lloyds of London and British marine insurance companies for £2,000,000 sterling. It is estimated additional insurance on freight and other interests may bring the ship's owners total insurance on the liner of £2,500,000. Reinsurance rates on the ship, which had closed at 25 guineas per £100 sterling on Monday, fell to five (Continued on Page 5)

Churchill Wants Carriers Sent To China Waters

BARRAGE OF QUERIES ON YANGTSE AFFAIR

Position Still Fluid Says Mr Attlee

London, Apr. 26.—Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, wanted to know today how it was that "at this time we have not got in China waters one, if not two aircraft carriers capable of affording protection to our nationals who might be increasingly involved in peril and misfortune — and capable of affording that protection in the only way which is understood by those attacking, murdering and insulting us, namely, by the effective power of retaliation."

Mr Churchill, speaking in strong emotional terms, asked this question after Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, had told a packed House about the shelling of British warships on the Yangtse recently.

One of the many diplomats who heard both Mr Attlee and Mr Churchill speak was the Chinese Ambassador to London, Dr Chang Tien-hsi.

Mr Attlee said that with the position still fluid Britain "reserved her position" on the Chinese Communist shelling, with heavy casualties, of four British warships in the Yangtse. He dismissed Communist charges that the warships were directly participating in the civil war as "fantastic and unfounded."

Mr Churchill followed up his question by asking for an assurance that the British Government would face this matter in a "robust spirit and make sure that the British flag is respected."

To this Mr Attlee replied that the situation was still fluid. However, the Government would make a statement later.

Mr Churchill then added, "I would like to make it absolutely clear that whatever criticism we may make on what I might call the unfortunate handling of this difficult situation in no way detracts from our resentment at the atrocious outrage of which we have been the victims or our determination to press the Government to take effective steps to make sure that we are treated with respect in future."

In the subsequent barrage of questions, Mr Attlee said that the Government wanted to take

every possible step to protect British communities in China. This had to be borne in mind in dealing with the Yangtse incident.

At one time no fewer than nine Opposition members rose simultaneously to catch the Speaker's eye for a chance to question the Prime Minister.

To one question Mr Attlee answered, "I am quite well aware that aircraft are used in warfare but this is not a matter of warfare at all. There is no suggestion of making an attack anywhere at all. We are engaged in the peaceful process of bringing supplies up the river."

He said that he could not make any further statement about protecting the seamen still on the Amethyst—stranded up the Yangtse—behind the Communist lines—except that "all possible steps" were being

taken. There could be no possible question of apologising to the Communists.

After a clash between the Prime Minister and Mr Churchill about the responsibility for the orders which sent the British ships up the Yangtse, Mr Attlee said with some asperity, "The Commander on the spot took action. I approve his action."

He said that all the time the man on the spot who knows the exact conditions should be receiving detailed orders from the Admiralty—there is no question of sheltering behind any commander on the spot.

Questions about air cover and the availability of aircraft followed and the Premier was understood to say, amid some disorder, that no British aircraft were stationed at Shanghai.

Brigadier Anthony Head, Conservative, was saying that the country could draw only one inference from these answers when he was persistently interrupted by Labour cries of "The Tories want war."

Earlier, when he was speaking about the Yangtse incident, Mr Attlee said that there had been "no question of a punitive expedition" and the British ships fired only to silence the forces firing against them.

Mr Attlee added, "British Consular officials in China vainly tried to get in touch (Continued on Page 5)

Reds' Terms For Safety Of The Amethyst

London, Apr. 26.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee disclosed in Parliament today that the Chinese Communists had been prepared to allow the British ship Amethyst to get to Nanking—on the condition that she assisted them to cross the Yangtse River.

"Such a condition was obviously unacceptable," Mr Attlee commented amid laughter.

These facts, he said, were given by Mr Edward Youde, Third Secretary of the British Foreign Service, who volunteered to try to reach the Communist forces in the hope of stopping the firing on the British warships.

Mr Youde, Mr Attlee said, reached the forward headquarters of the People's Liberation Army in the Pukow area on April 23, thanks to his courage and determination.

"He described the situation as he knew it when he left Nanking on April 21 and pointed out to them the peaceful and humanitarian nature of the mission of the Amethyst and requested that she be allowed to proceed to Nanking or Shanghai without further molestation."

Mr Attlee added, "Their headquarters took the line that clearance had not been obtained from the People's Liberation Army and that she had entered the war area."

"They also complained of heavy casualties incurred by their troops as a result of fire from British ships. They refused to admit the justification of self-defence," Reuter.

Reds Checked In Advance On Shanghai

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—For the first time since the start of the present Communist offensive, the Chinese Nationalist armies today appeared to have checked the headlong Communist advance west and southwest of this vast Oriental metropolis.

Hard-fighting Nationalist forces were reported to be fighting and holding the Communists west and south of Soochow, key rail hub 50 miles west of here. Another line of bayonets stretching south from the Yangtse river barred the Communist advance toward the port of Hangchow, vital "back door" to Shanghai.

The Communists had not succeeded in forging a ring of siege—around—Shanghai—and there were no reports of fighting in close approaches to the city.

The best information obtained from the military intelligence and telephone coverage of outlying towns was that no battles were yet being fought within 50 miles of the great port city.

However, a new peril had arisen within Shanghai itself—soaring inflation which brought with it the menace of widespread strikes.

HANKOW DEFENCE

In Central China, Chinese General Fan Chung-hsi, was reported to have deployed men on both sides of the Yangtse to defend the big river port of Hankow against the Communists advancing from the north and east.

There was no late word on the Communist spearhead reportedly thrown across the Yangtse at Hupui, 50 miles northwest of here, in an apparent hope of capturing Woosung and trapping United States and British Naval vessels in Shanghai harbour.

On the fighting fronts, the Nationalists were reported to be preparing two main lines of resistance—fronts at Soochow, 125 miles westward to Wuhu and from the Shuiyang area 80 miles southward to the vicinity of Tsingtau.

The Soochow-Wuhu line stretched across the northward bend of the Yangtse like a string across a bow barring the advance of the Communists that poured across the river on Sunday in the Nanking area. The north-south line whose northern anchor is near the centre of the east-west line was established to block any attempted Red drive on Hangchow from Kiangsu bridgehead.

COMMUNIST CLAIMS

The Communist radio claimed that the Communist spearhead had reached the Nanking-Hangchow highway between the villages of Chintan and Hsien, about 65 miles southeast of Soochow—Wuhu defence line.

Military quarters said today that the battle for Soochow was centred around Hsuehkwang, rail city about eight miles west of the vital rail hub. Telephone communications between Soochow and Hsuehkwang failed and it was not known whether the Communists had taken the smaller town.

Colony To Stay Haven Of Refuge

London, Apr. 26.—The British Government intended to "maintain Hongkong as a peaceful haven of refuge from oppression, as a great centre of trade and commerce, a cultural and educational beacon," Mr Davis Rees Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said here today.

The colony, he said, was "the clearing house of commerce and the shop window of democracy in the Far East." Despite its greatly increased population, it was still providing "the highest standard of living in the Far East for the general population."

Mr Rees Williams was welcoming the Hongkong trade mission to the British Industries Fair at a reception at the Colonial Office. "The thoughts of all the world are now turned to China. There are great cities in chaos; millions of men, women and children homeless and in want," he said.

"Against this background, we find Hongkong, a rock and a tiny piece of mainland, a haven of prosperity and peace."—Reuter.

WHALER SINKS

St John's, Newfoundland, Apr. 26.—The 174-ton Newfoundland sealing vessel, Wimoda, was crushed by ice and sank off Northern Newfoundland today, the first casualty of this year's sealing season.—Reuter.

WAY CLEAR FOR LIFTING OF THE BERLIN BLOCKADE

State Dept's Announcement

Washington, Apr. 26.—The State Department announced today that the way appears clear for a lifting of the Russian blockade of Berlin and a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The State Department issued a statement to this effect with two qualifications:

- 1.—That the present position of the Soviet Government is as stated in the Tass agency release, published in the American press today.
- 2.—That no final conclusion could be reached until further exchanges of view with M. Jacob Malik, the Soviet representative to the United Nations Security Council.

Shortly after President Truman had conferred with the United States roving Ambassador for international negotiations, Dr Philip Jessup, the State Department issued a statement reviewing the talks which have been going on secretly between Dr Jessup and M. Malik since February 15.

The statement disclosed that on March 21, M. Malik informed Dr Jessup that "if a definite date could be set for the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the restrictions on trade and transport in Berlin could be lifted reciprocally and that the lifting of the blockade could take place in advance of the meeting."

points were not conditioned, in the understanding of the Soviet Government, on any of the other points which, in the past, had prevented agreement upon the lifting of the blockade.

"The statement summarised the understanding of the three Governments of the position which the Soviet Government took concerning the proposal for lifting the blockade and the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers."

"Its purpose was to make unmistakably clear that the position of the Soviet Government was as now stated in the release of the Tass agency."

"M. Malik again asked Dr Jessup to call upon him and at that time again stated the position of the Soviet Government. From this statement, it appeared that there were still certain points requiring clarification."

"As a result of this meeting further discussions took place between the three Governments, which have resulted in a more detailed formulation of their position, which will be conveyed by Dr Jessup to M. Malik."

The State Department statement concluded: "Of the present position of the Soviet Government is as stated in the Tass agency release, as published in the American press this morning, the way appears clear for the lifting of the blockade and a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers."

"No conclusion upon this can be reached until further exchanges of view with M. Malik take place."—Reuter.

JAMAICA SAILS

Hamilton, Bermuda, Apr. 26. HMS Jamaica, one of two cruisers of the British America and West Indies squadron stationed here, leaves this afternoon for China with a complement of 45 officers and 650 men. It is expected to take three weeks, going via the Panama Canal.—United Press.

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EDITORIAL

Britain's Working Women

THE profound changes which are taking place in the position of women in Britain's national life are forcibly illustrated by the figures of employment which have just been collated and published in London. They are worthy of analysis. In general terms it can be said that women now make up more than half of the total labour force in a number of key industries and provide about one-third of all the paid workers in Britain. Emphasising the extent to which the nation has maintained in peacetime the unprecedented mobilisation of her labour force reached during the war, it is now a fact that every woman of working age in Britain is working either as a housewife or in a paid occupation. Interestingly enough the ratio is three out of five housewives and two are in paid work. And housewives mean house workers, for, as the figures prove, there are less domestic servants in Britain today than ever before, and it was this situation which called for the establishment in 1946 of the Government-sponsored National Institute of Houseworkers, the primary object of which was to raise the prestige of domestic work. If the achievements of this institute have not been spectacular, they have, at least been worth while, for about 700 women have been trained and won diplomas for housecraft and home budgeting, cooking, laundry work, crafts, health, education and care of children and the aged. And because industry is still a strong factor, the Government has more recently taken steps to develop as part of the National

Health Service a Home Help Service to assist mothers during confinement at home, during illness and so on; the payment in these cases are according to the means of the family. What then of the two in every five who are engaged in paid work? There are more than seven million women and girls in this group, who dominate labour in the clothing industry, represent 59 percent of all the textile workers, over half the labour force in retail distribution, 23 percent of all professional services, 26 percent of all workers in the manufacturing industries other than clothing and textiles, and 15 percent of workers in agriculture, forestry and fishing. In this manner are the women of Britain playing a notable part in making possible the industrial and economic recovery of the nation. Moreover, the increasing share of women in Britain's production drive is having as a corollary a greater share in Trade Union activities. Today there are over half a million more women members of the Trade Unions than before the war and they form 18 percent of the Union membership. Naturally social problems have attended the peacetime influx of women into industry from the home; they include the care of children (many more day nurseries are imperative) and the growing demand for equal pay with men where equal work is done. They are symptoms of a social tide which is carrying women on a crest toward an unprecedented influence in every sphere of British life.

S'hai Evacuees Told To Get Their Tickets

Shanghai, Apr. 27.—British evacuees for Hongkong already processed were officially notified this morning by the British Consulate-General to call at the shipping office of the Consulate today for steamship tickets which will be issued by the representative of the Java China-Packet Lines Ltd.

The British Consulate notice advised all intending passengers to bring with them their passport, money, passport and international vaccination certificates.

The evacuees were warned that food aboard the evacuation ship will probably be "in Chinese style."

The ship to Hongkong will offer mostly accommodation in dormitories between decks. Bunks are provided but passengers are advised to bring their own bedding.

The exact number of British evacuees is unknown, but they are believed not to be considerable.—Reuter.

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This Olive Duncan tailored dress in navy blue—it goes with a "fox" hat—has a waistcoat effect, is heavily braided in mustard yellow.

HOLIDAY LACE



Holiday design... topless cotton frock in one of the new lace prints, cobwebbed in white over a dark background. Bodice and skirt hem are finished with broderie anglaise.

(London Express Service)

Interesting New Felt Ornaments

By ELEANOR ROSS

A BEAUTIFUL addition to the store fabrics department is the lovely colours used for felt, yards and yards of which are going over the counter into the home to be made up by the ever-growing army of home-sewers into all sorts of useful and decorative items.

There are all-wool felts, cotton and wool felts and cotton-mix felts available in luscious colours, light and deep, the result of improved dyeing methods. There are even all wool felts with special dyes to produce a fabric with maximum colour fastness to light, perspiration, sea water and competent dry cleaning.

Felt Ornaments

As for the items to make with these colourful felts, well, there seems to be no end to them. Fingers don't have to be very nimble to be able to turn out charming little felt ornaments, nice for appliques as well as for suit lapel wear. And a youngster will just dote on a pretty half bonnet in colourful felt trimmed with felt flowers.

Mention of felt flowers, reminds us of an exquisite gray organza evening gown we admired. It was trimmed with tiny flowers of white felt, tiny white violets, attached by petals here and there on the full skirt, and massed on the bodice and on the capelet, each flower centred with the finest rhinestone or pearl beads.

Practical Outfit

There's nothing like separate skirt and blouse to add up to a practical outfit. Do up an old skirt or one that is being cut-down by giving it a wide belt and suspenders trimmed with rick-rack and brightened with colourful felt appliques. Grand for a schoolgirl.

For a really exciting gift, behold exotic Persian slippers tastefully embellished with jet beads and simulated pearls, while another pair of slippers had gold burlion and tiny sequin trim.

Felt is wonderful for a child's room. For a wee one, how about felt animal cut-outs mayhap outlined with an edge of luminous paint so that they glow comfortably in the dark. Felt animal ornaments on curtains, the backs make a nice touch.

WOMANSENSE

Fashionable Fabrics For Coming Months

A LARGE part of the Earls Court section of the British Industries Fair in May will be devoted to the display of textiles—a display in which rayon and cotton piece goods will be well represented.

The greatest style change will be noted in the up-grading of rayon in the higher-styled end of the trade. A small section of manufacturers have been concentrating on these better class goods since 1945. Rayons for 1949 show the full results of their previous experimental work.

Crease-resisting

THE most notable contributions are the full hanging poultis, uni-tones, iridescent patterns, matins, iridescent patterns and ribbon-type taffetas with chenille decoration. All such fabrics have a similar appeal to pure silk, but on a competitive price basis. Last season's feeling for stiff handling in fashion cloths is receding in favour of similar-looking fabrics, possessing a full, but soft handle. This change is prompted by the need for making such fabrics crease-resisting. With a really stiff handle, the fabric is almost sure to crease, but with the softer, fuller handle this factor is eliminated.

Controversy of Colours

IN fabrics such as these there is some controversy over colour. Certain sections of the making up trade are asking for dark muted shades, whilst others are beginning to ask for lighter colours—particularly for even-toned fabrics. Manufacturers are therefore widening ranges to include both types. The 1949 autumn collections will concentrate largely on golden browns muted, old rose shades, Regency yellows and various softer tones of peacock blue. Looking further ahead, stylists foresee a return to hard, clear shades, but it is doubtful whether more than a sprinkling of these will be shown at the Fair, as it is anticipated that the cycle of fashion will not move forward to this colour range until 1950.

The Style, Design and Colour Centre of Britain's Cotton Board in Manchester has been active in encouraging the colour attention to novel, yarn-dyed dress cloths with some form of fancy weave. The iridescent chambrays were the first on the market, followed by small neat weaves of the tweed type, many original checks, tartan copies and fancy stripes. There are also shades of the white-on-white fancy woven poplins and some surface-weave crepes, plain and over-printed.

For Overseas Market

DESIGNERS are watching carefully the demand of the latest heavy cotton cloths in the fashioning, intended for summer tailoring and beach wear. The weave is similar to a repp; the yarn is finest St. Vincent cotton. The cloth is found to tailor well, and every reason to suppose it will have a good reception in overseas markets.

There is, on the other hand, a notable revival of the diaphanous cottons of the mousseline voiles and lawn types. Cotton georgette, which type can be used equally well by the lingerie or dress trades, is typical of this present-day manufacture. Cotton voiles, again made from the finest

two-fold St. Vincent yarns—are printed mainly in dark shades and in patterns of the West African type with dark reds and navy blue predominating. Occasionally such clothes are shown with the large, romantic flower spray design (for evening wear) or with a wide Regency stripe in two colour effect, or toning satin.

Fine cotton lawns which are being taken up keenly by leading couturiers in all parts of the world are those with a black foliage print on a muted ground—black on spice brown, black on dimmed violet, on midnight blue, or garden green, and on sail red. The same foliage design is shown in colour on white grounds for southern markets.

The whole question of prints must be reviewed with the greatest possible care for the buying season of 1949-50. At the top end of the trade there is more than a slight tendency to sponsor the discreet, small patterned print in drab colours. It is a great swing of the pendulum from the multi-coloured prints of former years. The accent is on polka dots in most unusual colourings—eyelash blue on tan ground, a butcher blue on brick, orange on navy. The normal silk design is extremely popular and shows on a wide variety of fabrics, ranging from cotton poplin to rayon surah, all types of poultis and satins and the cheaper type of soft handling rayon crepe. Since the interest in a Macclesfield design is likely to be soon exhausted, converters are carrying this small motif trend through to small patterns of the same size.

One manufacturer may make a pattern of black and white com-

mas scattered on a muted ground; another may take the leaves of a mustard and cross and form a close set, geometric pattern; all variations of the ring spot, the small cross and the noughts and crosses symbols are equally popular.

The introduction of delicate tracings of floral sprays in black on a minutely chequered neutral ground is taken as a sign that the cold-shouldering attitude towards prints will not last indefinitely in the top end of the trade.

Border Print Revival

THERE is also a noted revival of border prints. Mass producing houses are going ahead with plans for 1950, in which the border print will play a large part. Individual dress houses are ordering their own border prints to a definite specification which coincides with the pattern lay of the garment to obviate waste in the cutting. Sometimes these prints are concentrated on one selvage of a plain dyed cloth; in other cases there is a scattered all-over print in addition to the border. Manufacturers in all textile areas are speculating as to whether the border print revival will be as sweeping in its effect on fashion as it was in 1924, when the border motif was the only one that counted.

Further developments in dress prints are seen in the intelligent use of warp-printed bayadere stripes which permit the dress house to form the skirt on the correct hang of the material. In the same form of printing there are new patterns designed with the skirt liberate intention that the skirt of the dress should be pleated.

Questions Train A Child To Think

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, PH.D.

A CHILD does not need to wait till he goes to high school or college to get good practice in thinking. Anyway he won't, for he may begin to take early steps in thinking many months before he takes his first step with his feet. He observes, compares, reads, imagines, classifies and arrives at conclusions even before he talks, revealing that he does so by his actions, gestures or mere grunts. Just try to figure out what an array of thinking processes go on in his little head when he asks questions. Imagine the harm you might do to his mental growth and personality if you ignored his questions, spurned them or made fun of them, or if you ridiculed him for some of the conclusions he arrived at himself.

Suitable Questions

Here are questions a parent might ask a little child long before he is five or six.

As you will recall, these questions don't require book learning or formal teaching. They aim to cause the child to dig out what he has in his head, left there from his everyday experiences. He recalls these experiences and from what he recalls he may derive, through "thinking," new experiences and new ideas. Here are a few such questions:

Which is easier to bend, a toothpick or a nail?
Where would you rather walk barefoot, on the grassy lawn or on the gravel walk?
In what ways are your hands different from your feet?

What is the difference between a mitten and a glove?
Do you see with your nose or your eyes?
How many knees do you have?

Do fish walk?
Which is darker, smoke or steam?
When do we see more birds, in summer or in winter?

Do we cut cloth with a knife or with scissors?
Does your mother sew with a foot or a needle?
Why does she use a thimble?

Do we plant seeds in the garden in winter or in summer?
What would you use to drive a nail into a board?

What would you use to peel an apple?
If your mother mended a hole in your sweater, would she use hair, wire, or yarn?

When you or an older child asks a youngster from two to five these questions, the little tyke is amused. His mind is set to working and there is pleasant companionship. Older children will enjoy making up more such questions for a baby brother or sister.

FASHION-POINTER ON A PLEAT



The Fashion-pointer turns to Spring in the sun, hightops the drapes of the ultra-new—expressed—arrow—skirt-pleats—they call it "Windwavy"! In tweeds or worsteds.

London Express Service.

Neat Look Important in Hairdo



Typical of the neat, close-to-the-head hairdo, is this trim coiffure. Designed by a New York hairdresser, it is charming with small hats.

By HELEN FOLLETT

OUT of date and on the fashion shelf is the hairdo that is bushy. Be it high, low or betwixt-and-between, it must be so cut and arranged that the head is shapely. The flat-top continues when locks are short, and even the upply effect is not as exaggerated as it was. Ringlets and rolls are over the forehead rather than on the crown. One reason: the high-built arrangement meant a long hunt for hats that would conform. Too much bother. With a cap-like coiffure almost any hat that you fancy will suit.

There must be a neat, smooth outline. Stylists are finding different ways of disposing of rear locks, some being fluted upward in tapered wave lines, some with ends turned under at the back, and sides, as well. Bangs lend themselves to many designs. Wave lines must be wide and fluid. The natural look is paramount. If you can't make up your mind to have your pigtail tresses snipped away, they shine. Hence the need of then coil the ends closely to-

gether at the nape line or arrange a soft chignon. If you feel that you must stick to the upswing, because it is especially becoming, do take care of the rear portion. One single whisp hanging down at the back puts a woman out of the picture. Stray locks can be controlled by the application of lacquer or light liquid dressings.

Women who are afflicted with hair that is dry and crisp should coddle their tresses with special oils or creams that are compounded for the purpose. They will not weaken the finer shafts softer, more pliant, more agreeable to whatever arrangement that is preferred.

Corrective ointments can be used on the scalp when the sebaceous glands are not functioning normally. The beneficial effects of brushing should not be overlooked. With coiffures inclined to be plain, it is important that the mind to have your pigtail tresses snipped away, they shine. Hence the need of then coil the ends closely to-

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Recipes Using Jams, Jellies

A GLASS of milk, served with bread spread with jam is especially welcomed by our young visitors—my niece and nephew and your little granddaughters. They are always ready for an afternoon snack," said the Chef.

"And it is good for them," I went on. "For jam contains a considerable amount of sugar, which is the quickest of all foods to release energy. Children are so active they need this energy pick-up in the afternoon. However, it's a mistake to use jam or jelly instead of butter or margarine as a spread on bread, because the sweet stuff adds to their appetites, and often causes them to refuse to eat their meat and vegetables. Jam or jelly is not an alternate for butter or margarine, it is a substitute."

"Would it not be all right to use jam or jelly on bread as dessert at the end of the meal?" asked the Chef.

"That would be a perfect time," I answered. "Not only for children, but for grown-ups. They are also good for dessert with cinnamon toast, crackers, hot biscuits or muffins, with coffee, tea or milk."

"In France we prize these condiments so highly we serve them with cream cheese for dessert," the Chef commented. "One of the most popular is Bar-le-Duc, a kind of preserve which is made of fresh currants, and which we always serve with cream cheese."

Plain Desserts

Small quantities of jams and marmalades often accumulate, but there are literally dozens of ways to use them, especially to make plain desserts more interesting. For instance, a bread pudding, spread with any jam topped with meringue becomes "Queers of Puddings." Jam or marmalade sandwiches, dipped in egg batter and French fried, become an enticing dessert. A half cup of jam or jelly, added to water in cooking sticky rice, turns it into an equally delicious dessert hot or cold. Then there are surprise jam muffins, when the pans are half filled with plain batter, topped with a teaspoon of jam, then with more batter, baked and served piping hot.

"I also favour the steamed jam pudding," said the Chef. "It's a hurry-up to mix, so I think homemakers will also like it."

Lemon-Jam Sauce

Measure 2/3 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. cornstarch, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg and 1/4 tsp. salt into a small saucepan. Gradually stir in 1 1/4 c. boiling water; add 1 tsp. butter or margarine and 2 tsp. the same kind of jam used in the pudding. Cook 5 min. stirring occasionally.

Trick of the Chef

To keep turnips from tasting watery, shake them over the thick homemakers will also like it.

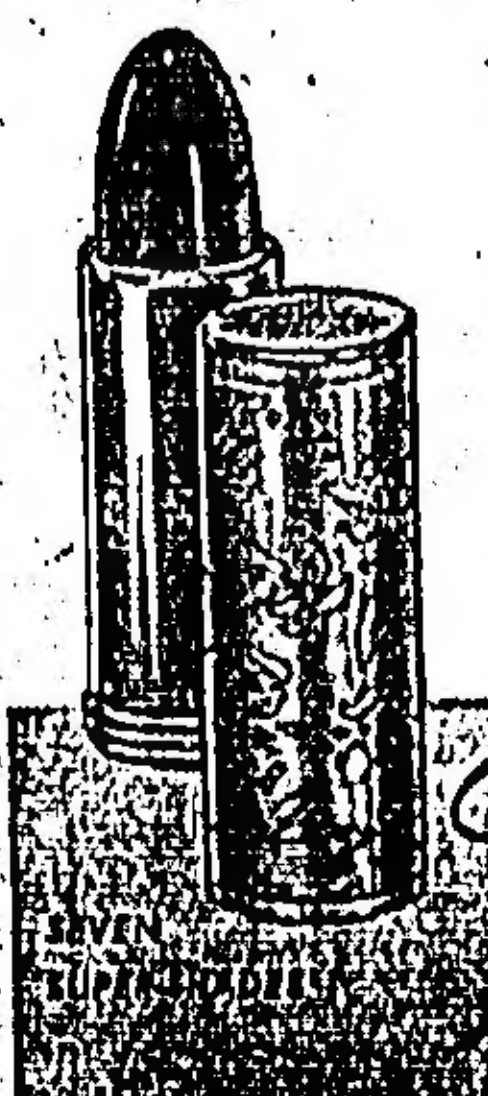
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



'MISS AMERICAS' MEET—"Miss Americas" gather in New York to honour Vyvyan Donner for her film, "Talented Beauties," based on the Atlantic City contest. Left to right: Jean Bartel, 1943; Beebe Shopp, 1948; Miss Donner; Martha Ingraham, 1948 runner-up; Bess Meyerson, 1945.



MUSIC AND COFFEE—Jan Klepura and Martha Eggerth, husband and wife, record the songs of their new film, "Valse Brillante," in Paris, and have coffee between numbers.



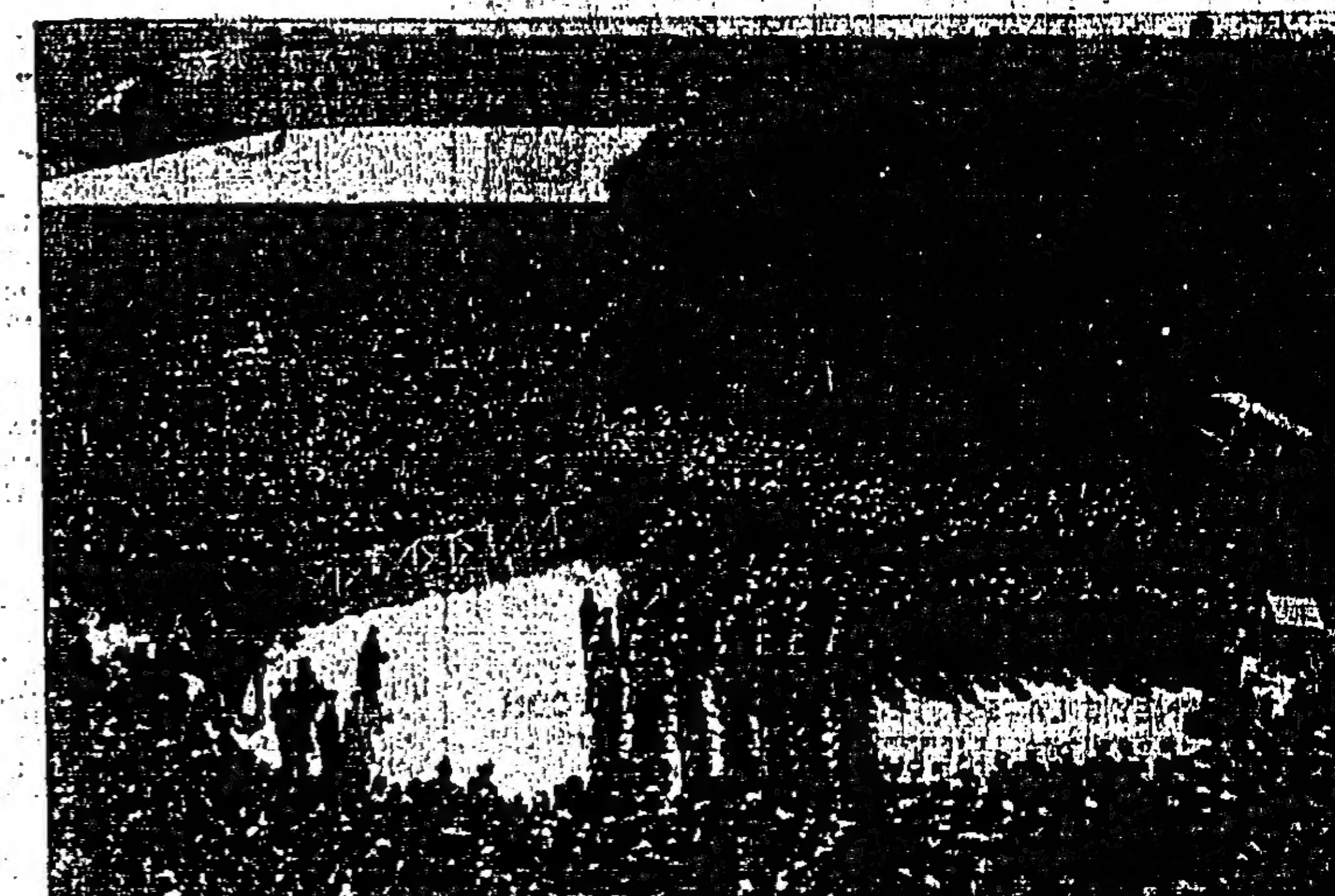
ROME STUDENTS RESUME HAZING—Hazing by students of the University of Rome, interrupted during the Fascist regime, is resumed again as a new class is enrolled. Here students, acting as soldiers of old Rome, cavort near the Coliseum during the celebration.



'WHEEL-CHAIR' TENNIS—Patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Oakland, California, receive lessons in stroking a captive tennis ball from Bill Crosby. The ball is hung on an elastic cord.



DUET—Cleopatra, an Australian cockatoo, perches on a sheet of music for a duet with its owner, Stella Roman, dramatic soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, in her apartment in New York.



ITALY DEDICATES ARDEATINE MEMORIAL—Officials dedicate a concrete mausoleum (left background) on the site of the 1944 German massacre of 335 hostages in the Ardeatine Caves, near Rome, in reprisal for the ambush slaying of 32 German security police.



STATESMAN-SALESMAN—Ichiro Honda, member of the Diet, and minister without portfolio, sells candy to school girls in the store he operates in Tokyo between state duties.



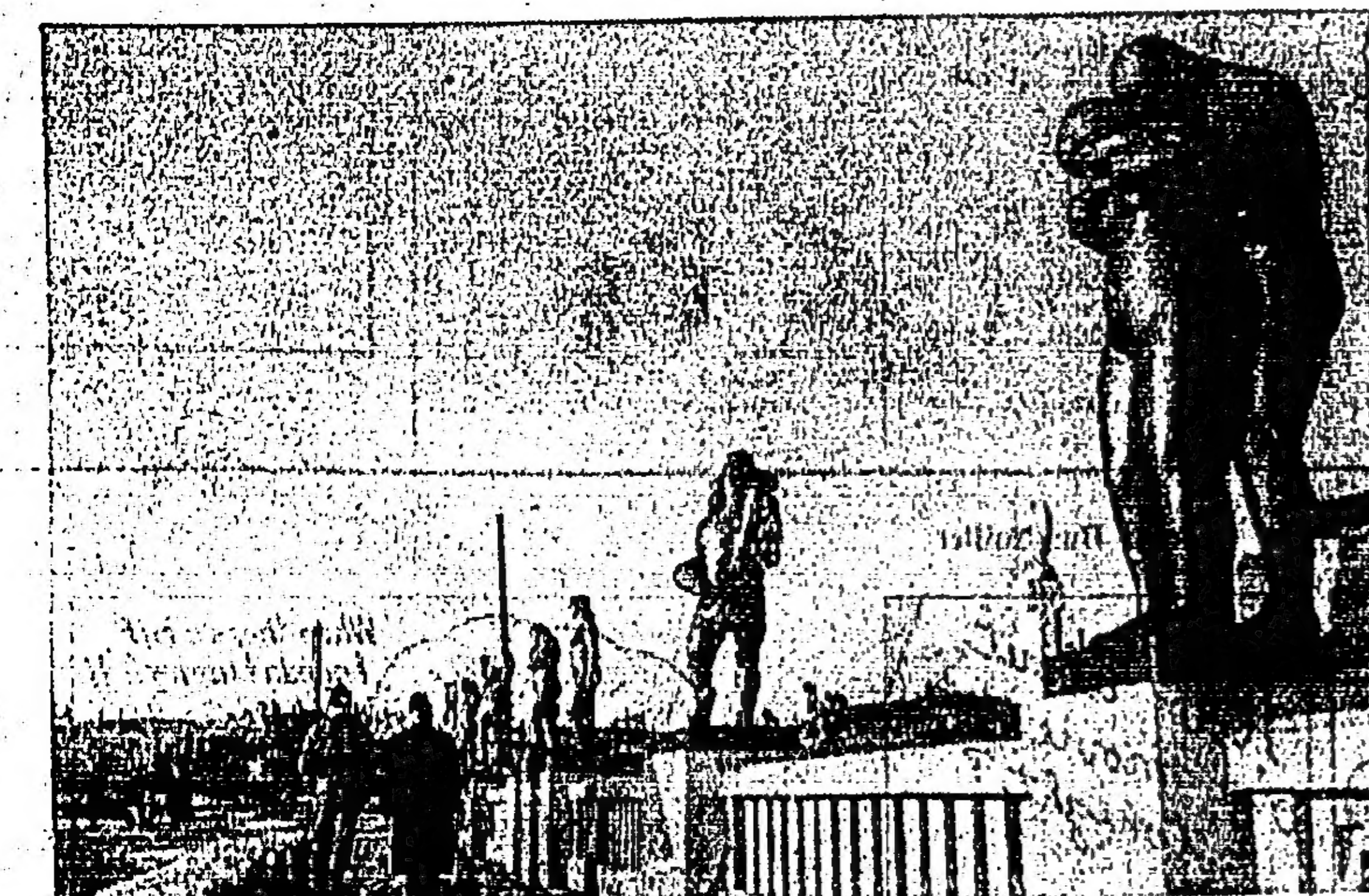
NECKTIE GOWN—Marilyn Ware models an evening gown with 26 men's neckties, at Oak Park, Illinois.



TINY TOWN—Mrs. John Jurczewski operates a railway in a miniature village built by her husband at their Chicago home. In an area 12 by 14 feet are homes, schools and factories.



'PLAY BALL' IN JAPAN—Led by a mascot bearing the name of the team, Japanese baseball players parade on opening day in Tokyo. Third in line is Victor Stalin, a White Russian.



ART ON AN OSLO BRIDGE—Statuary, by Gustav Vigeland, one of Norway's outstanding sculptors, adorns the bridge at Vigeland Park, and the Park itself, in Oslo.



INJUN POW-WOW—Former New York State Senator Phelps Phelps takes his turn on a peace pipe at the Museum of Science and Industry in New York. Sioux, Mohawks and sundry other tribes were represented at the celebration of American Indian Citizenship Week.

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Sitting on the Fence....

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "ow are you gittin' along with the little old income tax man?"

"Not very well," I said. "No more are most people," said the Sweep, "though you can't, properly speakin', blame im."

"Certainly not."

"The bloke you've got to blame is little old Cripps. And before im, little old Dalton, who was always laughin' 'is 'ead off every time he give the sweep another turn."

"Go on!"

"No good ever came from the likes of them. Cor, strike a light, look at little old Litter."

"Always on the sidge! Interferin' with people instead of enjoyin' imself and mindin' his own business."

"That's right."

"And what's worse," said the Sweep, "if a man is uppy with a lettuce sandwich and a cup of cocoa he reckons everybody else ought to be the same."

"Quite right."

"Which ain't natural."

"I certainly ain't."

In this room a one-man effort, with little help or advice, without tools except paper, pencil, and an ancient typewriter, has bought for the nation anything from a wig to a warplane, anything from a set of artificial teeth to an aircraft-carrier.

Most of this has been achieved through the payment of taxes on income earned, not by buying and selling commodities produced by others, but by selling, in a highly competitive market, the product of one woolly mind to the highest bidder.

The rest has been achieved through the payment of indirect taxation.

Although the woolly mind may not have a whole warplane (it doesn't want to exaggerate) or a whole aircraft-carrier, it feels that over the years it must have bought at least a couple of decent aircraft engines and one 4.5-inch gun in a destroyer.

Although it has not brought comfort to all the toothless and all the bald, it has borne more than an average share of the burden without even providing a badly needed wig for itself.

Therefore, the owner of the woolly mind, your ever-loving uncle, feels he has as much right to plan a Budget as Sir Stafford Cripps, who, considering he is a teetotaler, probably doesn't contribute nearly as much to the national revenue.

That is why your uncle is still up at midnight with pencil and paper, with all the world quiet but for the pounding of the sea, and even Lottie the devil cat asleep at last in a chair.

Down with doggies

CHANCELLOR GUBBINS'S chief difficulty is to reduce taxation while increasing the efficiency of the Navy, Army and Air Force, maintaining the food subsidies and the health services, buying new premises and motor-cars for the Coal Board, knocking down half the country and rebuilding it somewhere else, and keeping Sir Waldron Smithers quiet.

It is probably Chancellor Cripps's chief difficulty, too, without any hope at all of keeping Smithers quiet on Budget day.

Being rather new to the job, Gubbins begins by slashing the standard rate of income tax by 5s. in the £ and increasing dog licences to £1,000 a year.

This, he knows, will lose him the votes of all dog worshippers, but as he is not a member of Parliament he doesn't care. He also puts a heavy tax on cyclists, who are always missing him by inches, ringing their

silly bells, and loses all their votes, too. Splendid.

With 99 percent of barking dogs off the map, most of the cyclists walking, and plenty of his own money in his pocket for once, he feels pretty good.

He then starts on the liquor trade.

Under the new Gubbins Budget, bears, wines, and spirits are almost given away. Indeed, there is a moment when he thinks of subsidising them like food, but thinks better of it.

A move like that might easily increase the cost of the health services.

The tax on pipe tobacco and cigarettes is also slashed, and the country begins to look itself again.

To make up for it, the purchase tax on furs and jewelry is trebled, at the risk of being called a Bolsheviki by Sir Waldron Smithers.

Cocoa swillers, who take all the benefits of indirect taxation and contribute very little towards it, also come in for a bashing.

It is here that Gubbins comes to a full stop and begins to wonder.

Doubts

THERE must be such a thing as avoiding taxation by abstention.

Gubbins himself has done it, though not always in the way his smirking readers are thinking of at this moment.

For years he has been turning down extra work because he thinks one 4.5-inch naval gun is enough for one man to buy for the Navy.

Therefore, it seems likely that dog-worshippers will abstain altogether from dear little doggies if each one is going to cost them £1,000 a year.

This would suit citizen Gubbins fine, but not Chancellor Gubbins.

Under his Budget cyclists are already walking, paying no taxes.

Nobody but the biggest fool in the country and there can be only one of him) would clothe the silliest woman in the country (there can be only one of her) with a fur coat costing, with triple purchase tax, something like £100,000. So that would be just one tax for just one big fool.

Even cocoa swillers, pressed too hard, might take to swilling water. It would serve them right, but it wouldn't help the revenue.

Reluctantly, Gubbins puts 1s. back on income tax and hopes Sir Waldron Smithers won't think it has been done on orders from the Kremlin.

He also considers food subsidies.

No income tax payer who is not also an imbecile can imagine that he benefits personally by food subsidies. He is obviously paying the food subsidies himself.

The only people who benefit are the wives of the income-tax payers, who get their housekeeping allowance tax free and buy what little food there is available at subsidised prices, and the lowest income groups.

So why not abolish food subsidies, let women demand a bigger housekeeping allowance (good luck to them) to make up the difference, and give the lowest-income groups, including old-age pensioners, their basic rations free?

This would cost far less than food subsidies, be a great advance in social justice, increase the value of old-age pensions, and give Sir Waldron Smithers a nervous breakdown.

Give them more

HOW can Chancellor Gubbins pay for the vast health services, let alone new cars for the Coal Board, with income tax reduced 5s. in the £?

He thinks of all kinds of silly things, like taxing women's hats or their heads and taxing after-dinner speeches lasting more than a minute till suddenly the great truth hits him like a thunderbolt smacking into a vast lump of dough.

Give the doctors and dentists more and more money. That's the answer.

You will say yes, but you've got to find the money in taxes to pay them more money.

But Chancellor Gubbins replies, no, you haven't. You pay them more money, but you take it away from them. Cal-and-mouse stuff.

You will then argue, but some of it sticks, even the part that is taxed at 19s. 6d. in the £. You've got to find extra expenses in revenue.

To which Chancellor Gubbins replies, "Rubbish." When we've got all the doctors in a higher income group, their wives, who are not paying tax on the income, will nevertheless live up to it, and we shall get it back in purchase tax.

Well, there you are. That's Chancellor Gubbins's idea of a Budget in broad outline. If you don't like it, or you don't think it's sound, the Cripps austerity Budget will serve you right.

Over to you, then, Crippsy boy.

(London Express Service)

The most amazing air liner mystery

ALL KILLED: PLANE LOST BECAUSE SOMEONE PRESSED FIRE EXTINGUISHER BUTTONS

by Group-Captain H. S. L. DUNDAS, D.S.O., D.F.C.

THE Brabazon Committee investigating the disappearance of two Avro Tudor air liners—Star Tiger on January 30, 1948, and Star Ariel on January 17, 1949—is ready to submit its report to Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation.

The findings of the committee will not be made public. They run into hundreds of pages.

As part of the committee's investigation a sister ship of the two Avro Tudors was taken to pieces and examined almost nut by nut, for this has been the most searching autopsy ever carried out on any plane suspected of potential structural failure.

But I understand that the committee has been unable to go beyond the realm of conjecture in suggesting what happened to the two air liners.

Both vanished over the Sargasso Sea, north of the Bahamas. How they were lost will almost certainly remain an unsolved mystery. Almost every possible theory was tested.

A shallow dive

During the committee's research one of the most extraordinary stories in the history of air crashes was uncovered.

This concerned an American four-engined D.C.6 which lost height in a shallow dive, while still apparently under control, ploughed through a series of obstacles, and eventually piled up on rising ground.

All aboard were killed.

As in the case of Star Tiger and Star Ariel no signals of distress were received from the crew before the crash. Further, the plane appeared to be flying perfectly normally, apart from its gradual loss of height.

The solution to the mystery was startling.

An autopsy showed that every man, woman, and child on board the D.C.6 had become poisoned by carbon dioxide and had been unconscious before the crash killed them.

Quite probably many were dead before the plane struck the ground.

Deadly gases

It was proved, by examination of the wreckage, that fire extinguishers in the freighthold had been set in action by someone pressing the buttons which controlled the extinguishers.

Deadly carbon dioxide gases, fired from the extinguishers, were carried by the pressurisation system into the cabin of the liner.

Opinions differed as to whether the volume of carbon dioxide released would be sufficient to have the catastrophic effect indicated by the autopsy.

Here was a doubt which was settled in a typically American manner.

Another D.C.6 was taken up with crew and passengers. The extinguishers were operated, and almost at once all those on board who were not wearing gas masks became unconscious.

Doctor's view

There is a theory that the same thing could have occurred in the Tudors, though in their case the extinguishers are loaded not with carbon dioxide but with methyl bromide.

Here again opinions differ as to the probable effect, but a Harley Street doctor, who has served in the RAF, and who has experience of the strange physiological effects that occur in aeronautics, tells me that

Nine vanish

Since December 5, 1945, nine planes have disappeared without trace into the Atlantic off the Florida coast.

And though the tremendous resources of the U.S. Navy and Coastguard, together with every available ship and aircraft, were employed in the search, not one piece of wreckage, nor one of the 103 people on board, has been found.

Again, in December 1945, a whole flight of five U.S. Navy torpedo planes training in the area disappeared. No signal was received, no wreckage was found.

A patrol plane, with 13 men, was sent to search for the missing flight. It also vanished and left no trace.

A few days before Star Ariel lost a charter plane radioed its position as 50 miles from Miami and all well. The plane was never seen or heard of again, and 32 people disappeared with it.

Evidently, then, the Brabazon Committee had to consider not only nuts and bolts, and aircraft stresses and strains, but other problems, too, more sinister and less tangible.

Are they perfect?

I do not know whether the Tudors have been declared 100 percent perfect as a result of the material investigations. Imperfections there may be, but I would like to see the plane which would not reveal imperfections when subjected to such microscopic examination.

In the absence of any conclusive explanation of the two air disasters it is hard to see what decision the authorities could have made other than that the Tudor air liners must remain grounded.

(London Express Service)

Information box

Fusiliers will have bayonets fixed

The Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment, now stationed at the Tower of London, will have bayonets fixed when they march through the City on May 15, after a ceremonial parade.

With the Grenadier Guards the Buffs, the Royal Marines and the HAC, they share the right to cross the City with bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying.

Another regimental privilege—officers of the Royal Fusiliers do not drink the King's health in their own mess.

William V. was dining with the officers of the regiment in the 1620s when the Royal Toast was proposed: an Army custom deriving from the Jacobite Rebellion (1715-46), when it was considered advisable to prove their loyalty to the House of Hanover.

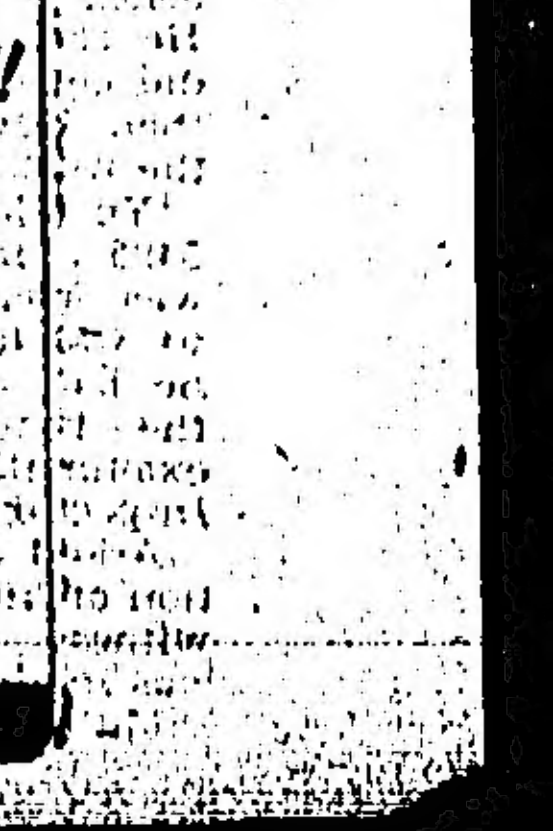
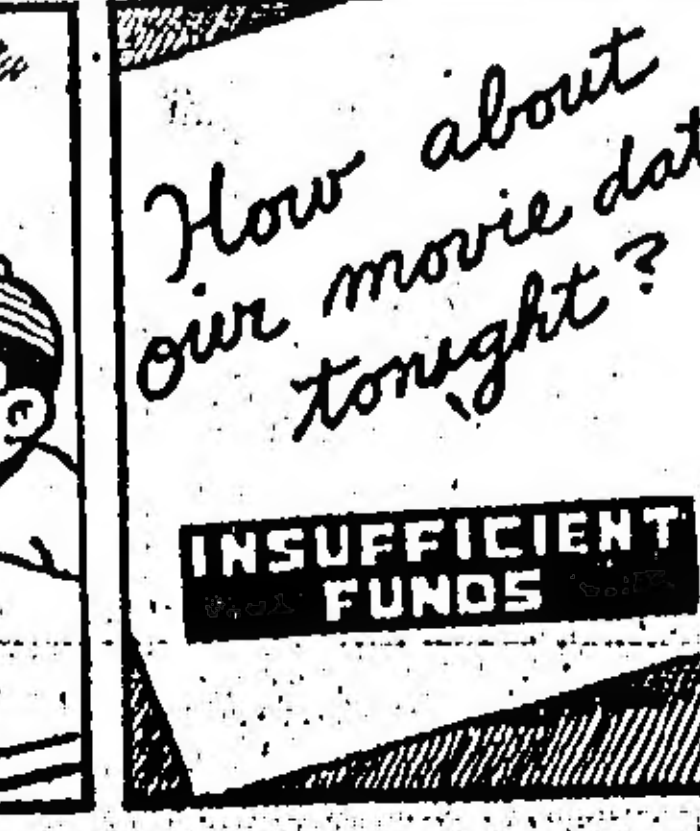
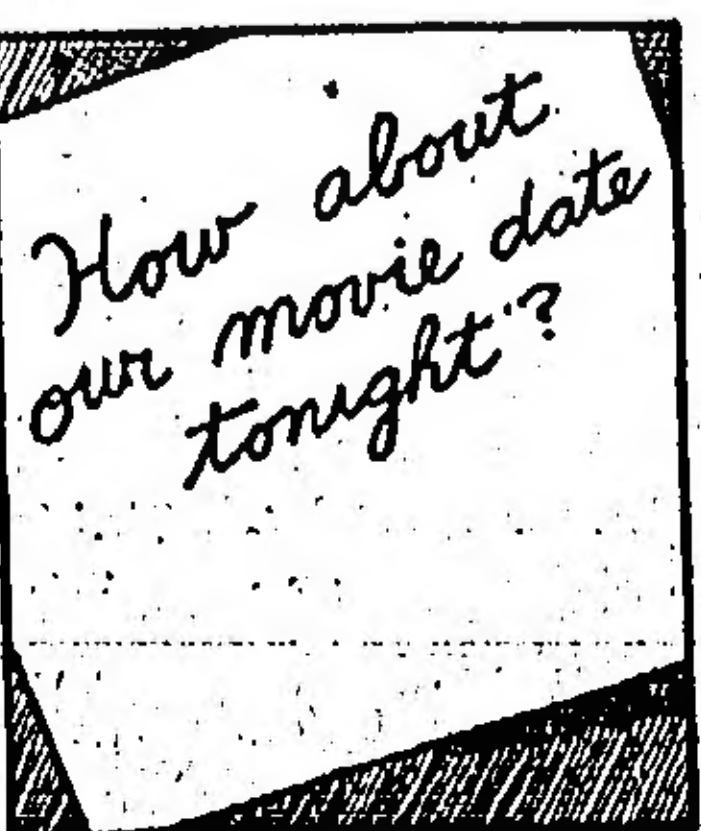
William remarked that the loyalty of the officers of the Royal Fusiliers must always be beyond question, and it was unnecessary, therefore, to drink the toast.

The band of the Royal Fusiliers always play Rule Britannia before the National Anthem.

Traditional reason: About the year the tune was written (1740), the regiment served in the Fleet as marines.

(London Express Service)

NANCY Red-Ink Reply



Witness's Allegation Of Earlier Bribe

Ex-Police Inspector's Action For Damages

Evidence of earlier contacts between himself and Cowie and of an occasion when he handed \$30 to the European in order to have his lorry passed during a test was given by Yu Hoi-chuen, otherwise known as Chan Yu-tong, a witness for the defence, before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and a Special Jury at the Supreme Court this morning, when hearing of the action for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal, brought by William Henry Cowie, former Sub-Inspector of Police, against the Attorney-General of Hongkong, was continued.

Plaintiff alleged that he had suffered damages totalling \$6,976.45 by virtue of the wrongful dismissal without notice and in breach of contract. He was dismissed from his post as Sub-Inspector of Police on August 23, 1947, by H. E. the Governor on the recommendation of a Departmental Board of Enquiry into Cowie's alleged receipt of a bribe of \$50 from one Chan Yu-tong.

It was Cowie's case that the money had been deliberately "planted" in his pocket by Yu on the instructions of Mr. F. W. Shaflin (former Chief of the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Police) in consideration for having certain traffic summonses against him withdrawn. Cowie claimed he had no knowledge of the money was in his pocket until after his arrest on June 5, 1947.

The Special Jury empanelled comprises Messrs F. J. Hornum - Fisher (foreman), Chan Sin-ming, Kenneth Chan, J. McCallister, T. J. Pratt, R. E. Desai and S. S. Jorgensen. Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Z. H. Chan (Counsel for the Plaintiff), appeared for plaintiff, and the Attorney-General was represented by Mr. A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel), instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrews (Crown Solicitor).

Before Yu Hoi-chuen continued his evidence this morning, the Chief Justice told Mr. Lonsdale that though he had previously ruled that Counsel should not make any reference to previous evidence, he had decided, since hearing Yu's evidence, to permit Counsel to ask questions on their previous relations.

"NARROW" RULING
He was not upsetting his earlier ruling by so doing, but felt that it had been raised in error. He was permitting the questions to be asked purely to enable the jury to appreciate the evidence.

Yu was then further examined by Mr. Lonsdale. On Tuesday he had spoken of a conversation between himself and Cowie during a ride they took in witness lorry which was being tested, on June 5, 1947, when witness handed \$50 to Cowie, who accepted the money and put it in his trouser pocket.

Witness declared he had on two earlier occasions taken lorry for examination by the Traffic Inspector (Cowie). On the first occasion he had taken a 1940 Studebaker model along, and on the second occasion the lorry was a 1939 Studebaker.

Mr. Lonsdale did anything on which influenced you in connection with what you should do on the next examination of your lorry?

Witness: Yes. It was in my mind that when I took a lorry along for examination another time I should pay a little more.

What happened on the second occasion which made you set your mind?—Inspector Cowie asked me whether I was the master. I said "yes." He said "Do you know about it now?" I again said "yes."

Did he say anything about the condition of the lorry?—Cowie said the tyres were not very good. What did you do after he said that?—On that occasion I gave him \$30 during a ride in the cab of the lorry.

How did you give it to him?—I took the money from my left breast pocket, counted it and handed it over to Cowie. He took it and put it into his trouser pocket.

"TOD LITTLE"
Was anything further said between you?—After he took the money I asked him how much it was. He told me \$30. He remarked it was too little. I asked him how much he wanted. He replied "\$50." I told him I did not have that amount on me then, but would pay him more the next time.

Yu added that that lorry No. 446, had since been sold. It was passed at the examination to which he had referred and he had continued to use it on the road. After the second examination he went to see Inspector Johnston on June 2.

Asked when the second inspection of his lorry was carried out, witness replied he thought it was in the middle of May, 1947. Mr. Lonsdale: What did you

go and see Inspector Johnston about?

Witness: I wanted to report that a demand for \$50 had been made for the examination of a lorry. I told Johnston I could not afford it and asked for help. Mr. Bernacchi then proceeded to cross-examine Yu. He asked: Did you offer this money to Cowie as wine money?

So he did not ask it from you? You offered it to him?—From the insinuation he made when he said "You know about it," everybody knows about it. I gathered he wanted money. Witness said he could not remember if he had made the same remarks before the Board of Enquiry.

Mr. Bernacchi: Why did you wait from the middle of May until June 2 to make your report to the Police?

Witness: My folks said I should not complain.

Further questioned on the trip he made with Cowie in his lorry on June 5, 1947, witness said that when that lorry was returning to the Magistrate's turning around at Jordan Road, he noticed that Cowie's assistant, Mr. Yuen, a motor mechanic, was no longer sitting at his table on the pavement, but was running up the steps to the Magistrate's to get out of the rain.

EVIDENCE "WRONGLY RECORDED"
When Counsel pointed out to witness that the evidence he was giving was contradictory to that he gave before the Board of Enquiry, witness declared he had been wrongly recorded. He said his previous evidence was not read back to him, but he had signed it.

Mr. Bernacchi: Now, on any other occasion when your vehicle was passed were you ever not immediately issued with a card for it?

Witness: Cards were always issued immediately after a lorry was passed. This was so on the occasions before June 5, and they have been issued on all subsequent occasions to date.

Witness denied a suggestion by Mr. Bernacchi that it was not possible for Cowie and himself to have carried out the conversation in the lorry's cab, as having taken place in the lorry's cab on June 5 in the short distance between the Magistrate's and the junction of Gascoigne and Jordan Roads. He agreed that the lorry's engine was making a fair amount of noise, but a conversation could be carried on without difficulty. They conversed partly in English and partly in Chinese.

LORRY OLD
Questioned on defects in the lorry pointed out by Cowie, witness agreed that Cowie had said the lorry was old. Witness asked Cowie to pass the vehicle. From their conversation he gathered that he was not to bring his lorry back to Hongkong but to leave it in Chinese territory, where it normally operated.

Mr. Bernacchi: When you took this vehicle for inspection, were you certain in your own mind that it should not be passed or that it might be passed?

Witness: I was hoping that if I paid him some money he would pass it.

At the beginning of June, had you been served with any traffic summonses?—Yes, I had also appeared before the Court. There were some summonses pending against me, but whether any further summonses were to be taken out I did not know. I only knew that the numbers of some of my lorries had been taken by the Police.

What offences did the summonses relate to?—One was for travelling on the wrong side of the road, another for carrying more passengers than I was permitted, and another for speeding.

The hearing is proceeding.

More Officials Leave Sh'hai

Shanghai, Apr. 27.—The last group of high-ranking officials left yesterday afternoon by air for Canton.

The group included the President of the Control Yuan, Mr. Yu Yu-ten, the President of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Tang Kwan-hien, and the Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Sun Yeh-chi.—Reuter.

New Home For Royal Couple

London, Apr. 26.—Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and their baby son, Prince Charles, will move into their new London home, Clarence House, at the end of May, after months of delay and disappointment. It was officially announced today.

Their home was to be ready by January, but building shortages delayed the work. They will have a London home of their own for the first time after 10 months of married life.

Their move from Buckingham Palace is to take place after their return from a visit to Northern Ireland, planned for May 25 and 26. Their household secretaries and about 20 servants will take up quarters there this week while the Princess and the Duke are touring North Wales.

When the Royal couple moves it will revive the traditions of the old mansion in 1942 when its owner, the Duke of Connaught, died and all its contents were sold.

A Government grant of £50,000 has been spent on modernising the four-storeyed house, which was badly damaged during the war. Work has been going on for more than a year.

The interior decoration and furniture is now a combination of old and new. Most of the furniture is antique. Many of the pieces the Royal couple received as wedding presents. The soft furnishings are all modern.

FORMAL ROOMS

The couple has turned some of the best rooms on the ground floor into State apartments, which they will use only for formal entertaining.

The Duke and Princess Elizabeth will have their private apartments on the first floor. The bedroom suites will have dark egg blue walls. The Princess' own room will have soft peach draperies and tinted sheets and blankets. The Duke's room, one of the few entirely modern rooms in the house, has push-button operated sliding door, fitted shelves and racks for his clothes.

His dressing room is like a ship's cabin.

Prince Charles will have his nursery on the floor above. In primrose yellow, it has a gaily coloured frieze of animals and fairland characters.

Internal telephones connect every part of the house, including the nursery. Two big television aerials have been installed and Britain's Junior Royal Family will see the latest films in a small private theatre.

Outside, a garden will see a unique sentry box, where a Guardsman will be on duty day and night. It has glass-panelled side so that he can see what goes on without going into the rain. It also has space for a seat.—Reuter.

E. German State To Be Set Up?

Berlin, Apr. 26.—Russia is reported to be working for the formation of a separate state in Eastern Germany, a sharp reversal of her former insistence on unity for the whole country.

Usually well-informed quarters say Moscow has promised German Communist leaders a peace treaty for Eastern Germany. Under this plan all reparations claims would be dropped by Russia as soon as the new East German state was created.

In the face of these reports, the German Communists themselves have continued their propaganda campaign for the establishment of a central German Government, but Allied observers see nothing contradictory in this stand. They believe that the Eastern state would be a "face saving" recourse if Russia failed to secure Four Power agreement on a central government at the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

The official Soviet news agency, Tass, recently said that the Berlin blockade could be lifted if a date was set for the Foreign Ministers meeting on German questions.

The agreement which Russia will attempt to obtain at any Big Four meeting is expected to cover the following points:

1. Abandonment of the Western Allied plans to establish a West German state.

2. Establishment of a unified Central government for all Germany.

3. The signing of a peace treaty with Germany.

4. Withdrawal of all occupation troops some time after the conclusion of the treaty.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Imagine a teacher asking us if we'd rather have beauty or brains. Do you suppose he thinks all we've got is 'good looks'?"

More Stories Of Gallantry In Yangtse Incident

WOUNDED CARRIED ON

London, Apr. 26.—Individual acts of heroism and devotion to duty by members of the crews of the British warships involved in last week's Yangtse river shelling were described in a statement here today by the Admiralty.

A 21-year old Marine, Bernard Maurice Howe, on board the cruiser London, went for 24 hours with only a temporary dressing before asking for medical treatment for a hole right through his shoulder.

His 20-year old ship-mate, Marine Robert McCarthy, had a piece of shrapnel the size of a large cork embedded in his neck but did not seek medical treatment for 24 hours.

The First Lieutenant on board the Amethyst, Lieutenant G. L. Weston, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, although suffering from dangerous and exceedingly painful shrapnel wounds, refused to leave his ship until he was relieved of his command after some 50 hours.

The Navigation Officer, Lieutenant P.E.C. Berger, although seriously wounded, ordered that he should be carried to the bridge on a stretcher each time the vessel moved. Surgeon Lieutenant J. M. Alderton attended the wounded under fire until he himself was killed.

The statement added that more cases of bravery and devotion to duty would emerge when final reports were available. All had acted in the best traditions of the Royal Navy, it said.—Reuter.

US REINFORCEMENTS

Pearl Harbour, Apr. 26.—The American heavy cruiser St. Paul and the light cruiser Manchester will sail for China waters on Saturday, Pacific Fleet Headquarters have announced.

The cruisers will relieve the light cruisers Pasadena and Springfield, now at Western Pacific stations.

Relief at this time places two additional large warships at the disposal of the U.S. Western Pacific Commander in case of emergency.

Four destroyers will accompany the cruisers.—Associated Press.

LINER BREAKS IN TWO

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guineas this morning following a report that she had been refloated. The rate rose to 10 guineas when the owners failed to confirm the report and held their when definite news of refloating was received. Lloyd's closed his evening before news that the ship had broken reached here.

Insurance quarters said that even if the cost of repairs exceeded the insured value, the owners could elect to keep the ship and repair her, bearing the cost of repairs in excess of the amount of insurance. Whether or not the vessel is a total loss, the loss will have an effect on the entire marine insurance world. While the original risks were placed with Lloyd's and with British marine insurance companies, the underwriters have spread it by reinsurance with foreign countries.—United Press.

US Arms To Resist Red Blitz

Washington, Apr. 26.—The United States will give top priority in arms shipments to her Atlantic Pact allies to weapons needed to neutralise any Soviet blitz of Western Europe. United States Government officials, drafting legislation for \$1,130 million in arms shipments for Western Europe, say the weapons most urgently needed are American armour, anti-tank weapons and artillery.

Leading American military strategists believe that with United States help Western Europe can withstand any invasion by Russia. The plan now is to make the existing European land, sea and air forces more effective, rather than to build up new units.

The needs of the 11 Pact Allies of the United States are listed in this order. (1) American arms. (2) Spare parts for existing transport, communications and other military equipment. (3) Raw materials to stimulate domestic production.

An unspecified number of Army, Navy and Air Force technicians would be sent overseas to supervise the use of American equipment and to help standardise training and administration.

The goal of the Atlantic Pact powers abroad was described as the creation of a "community army" patterned on the Swiss armed forces.

Mr. James Reston, the diplomatic correspondent of the New York Times, said the first objective was to "deter the Russians from making war," the second to hold "in sacred front" open somewhere a second front, the third, in the event of an armed attack, the power of the West could immediately be brought to the Continent; and third, which would take years, to make Western Europe and North America strong enough to repel an armed attack before it overruns Western Europe.—Reuter.

REBELS SUFFER CASUALTIES

Rangoon, Apr. 26.—A Burmese Government communiqué said tonight that 40 members of the insurgent White Band People's Volunteer Organisation were killed and 50 injured by Government troops in a clash at Welleit, a railway town in the Shwepyithar district, north of Mandalay.

The communiqué said 300 White Band insurgents attacked the Welleit police station and seized arms and ammunition. The communiqué claimed that heavy casualties were inflicted on the Karens at Kalik, 78 miles north of Rangoon, where fierce fighting was in progress.—Reuter.

Commons Debate On Yangtse

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with the Communists, both locally and in the North China capital of Peking, to halt the shelling of the British ships trying to rescue the sloop Amethyst.

The cruiser London suffered most severely during the rescue bid and was holed repeatedly in her hull and upper works, he said.

Reviewing the incident, Mr. Attlee said, "When the Chinese Government decided to move to Canton it is true that a warning was issued about warships in the Yangtse."

"Nevertheless since that time the movements of our warships in the Yangtse have taken place with the full knowledge and consent of the National Government of China."

When the Amethyst was fired on she was "proceeding on her lawful occasions and there was no other properly constituted authority to whom the British Government were under any obligation to notify her movements even had they been in a position to do so."

Mr. Attlee further said that the sloop was sent up the Yangtse to Nanking to relieve the destroyer Consort with a clear 24 hours to go before the expiry of an ultimatum to the Government from the Communists, then poised for an attack across the river.

The British ships were so extensively damaged "because warships are not designed to operate in rivers against massed artillery and infantry sheltered by reeds and mud banks."

ATTITUDE CONDITIONED
"The Communist forces appear to have been concentrated in considerable strength and were reported as being lavishly equipped with, howitzers, medium artillery and field guns."

Mr. Attlee also told the House that Britain's attitude to the civil war was governed by the Moscow Declaration of 1945—when Britain, Russia and the United States announced a policy of non-intervention in China's internal affairs.

Taking up the Amethyst issue, Mr. Churchill declared "whoever was responsible managed to send this ship up the river almost exactly at 2 p.m."

To this Mr. Attlee answered, "The voyage would have been completed in 24 hours before zero hour."

To an opposition suggestion that it would have been better to have withdrawn British nationals earlier, Mr. Attlee said that the decision not to withdraw them was announced in Parliament. He thought it right that they should have remained in Nanking.

Mr. Attlee did not reply when Mr. Thomas Scollan, Labour, asked that the Government should not be stampeded into "intervention in this civil war that might lead us into war."

Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00. Programme Summary: 6.01. The Richard Taubert Orchestra, and Guest Henry Holst. (BBC's) 6.30. Saxophone Recital by Emilio Sologna with Piano accompaniment by Vincent Cristobal. (Studio) 7.00. (BBC's) 7.00. Variety Hour presented by guest Programme, presented by John Kelly. (Studio) 8.00. World News and News Analysis (London Relay) 8.15. "Ladies Please" A Talk by John Kelly. (Studio) 8.30. Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway (BBC's) 9.00. From the British Concert Hall. The New London Orchestra, conducted by Alec Sherman (BBC's). Introduction by the "Creation" (Haydn). Symphony No. 1 (Beethoven). Lamentation and Trance of Tasso. Symphonies: Focent, 10.10. "Anthology" presented by Clifford Davies. (Studio) 10.40. Dance Music. (Studio) 11.00. Miller News Reel (London Relay) 11.15. Weather Report and Close Down.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Closing Times by Air
Shanghai, 5 a.m.
Siam and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg.)
Kunming, 3.30 p.m.
Tientsin, Amoy, Canton, Poochow & Siam, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
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Rangoon and London, (C.P.) 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan, 5 p.m.
Singapore, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.
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A Key Man Is Needed In English Rugby

Here is a sorry rugby story. England has not won an international since March 1947. Of the last seven matches we have lost six and drawn one. Ireland has beaten us four years in succession for the first time in 50 years.

What is the fundamental fault with this country's game today? It is, in Hylton Cleaver's view, that England has not one outstanding match-winner to inspire the side. Wales has Haydn Tanner and, indeed, Glyn Davies. Ireland has Jack Kyle and his Queen's University partner, Strathdee. Scotland has, as captain, the Australian Doug Keller.

Whatever switches and brainwaves emerge from the deliberations of England's selectors this week, little good is likely to come until we find one true player to compare with W. W. Wakefield or W. J. A. Davies as captain and tactician.

The most likely key-man in the England side is Clive van Ryneveld, the Norman Yardley of South Africa, a second Owen Smith.

He can play any ball game brilliantly, and is perhaps a greater potential cricketer even than a rugby player. But he, like his elder brother, must soon go back to South Africa.

WAIT & SEE

Our cricket, to judge from the South African tour—the present Test particularly—is better than our rugby. But don't be too certain.

Only thing the tour has really proved is that Alan Watkins and Roly Jenkins are better all-rounders than we thought they were. We already knew that Hutton, Compton and Washbrook could bat a bit, and Besser bowl.

We were thrashed by the Australians last summer. Unless we discover more new talent we shall be thrashed again in the winter of 1950-51. Persimmon, am I? Better than a too-ready optimist.

HOUSE OF HIS OWN

Jimmy Adams is now happily settled in a house overlooking the first fairway of the East course at Wentworth. He has his wife and daughter with him.

Because of housing difficulties at Beaconsfield, where he was professional, his wife and daughter had to live in Chesham, with relatives. No doubt more settled conditions will help his play.

It may be Adams's year. For years one of the best of our professionals, Adams has been an unlucky golfer. Twice he has finished second in the Open, losing by one shot to Padgham in 1936 and by two shots to Reg Whitcombe in 1938.

TOO STRENUOUS

Old-fashioned, perhaps, but I never like to see exhausted men running themselves to a standstill for an hour and a half on Wimbledon's centre court. Or, for half that time under the

KCC TENNIS

Today's matches in the KCC Tennis Tournaments are: R. S. Capell & W. A. Nicholas v. R. O. Baker & W. Golding; T. Baker v. Winner; Gabriel & C. H. Pickford; J. Guest v. Winner of W. A. Palmer or J. Tattersall. Miss Lambert Baker v. Mrs. H. C. Lablans.

SOCGER RESULTS

Results of First Division League soccer matches played yesterday were: KMB 10 RUF 4; Kitcher 4 Club 2.

Basketball League

Results of the Colony Basketball League matches played at Charing Hill yesterday were: A Division—Lau Sing beat Union 46-34; B Division—Yau Oi beat S. C. M. Post 42-21; S.C.A.A. beat Black & White 44-37.

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 26.—The following were the results of rugger games played today:

RUGBY UNION

Bath 25, Penzance & Newlyn 8; Teignmouth 5, Gloucester 9; Rugby League: Kelighley 10, Bradford Northern 8; Dewsbury 28, Belle Vue Rangers 5.—Reuter.

Sportsman's Diary

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Bruce Burn

severer conditions of squash rackets.

So I have some sympathy with a suggestion from the Egyptian Mahmoud Karim, British open champion, now in London, who says, "I don't think there is much doubt that the game is too strenuous for women. My solution would be to make the board movable so that men could play with the standard height of 19 inches, and women an inch or two lower."

Tony Zale Retires

Chicago, Apr. 26.—Tony Zale, former world middleweight champion, announced today his voluntary retirement from the ring. The retirement of Zale, a veteran of 15 years in boxing, will cause the cancellation of his return fight with the new world middleweight champion, Marcel Cerdan, of France, who took the title from him.

This bout was arranged for the Polo Grounds, New York, on June 21. Zale, who will be 36 next month, was champion from 1942 to 1948, with the exception of a brief period in 1947, when he lost the crown to Rocky Graziano. He has been boxing since 1934, except for four years of wartime service in the Navy.

Zale is now chief boxing instructor for the Catholic Youth Organization in Chicago. "This was a difficult decision for me to make," Zale said. "The protection of my own health and the interests of my family prompted me to decide upon a retirement."

Zale is married and has two daughters.—Reuter.

Bookmakers To Be "Caged"

Epsom, Apr. 26.—Epsom Racecourse is to cage its bookmakers. But it is not to keep them from getting away if they can't make the payout. The reason, explained an official, is to give horse players more room. "Bookmakers" at previous meetings gradually moved their pitches towards the foot of the stands until it became impossible for the visitors to pass along," the official said.—Associated Press.

ARMY ATHLETICS FINALS TODAY

The Land Forces Hongkong Athletic Team Championships will be held at Sookunpo today with full teams entered by the RASC, 1 Buffs, 2/10 Gurkhas and 26 Field Regiment RA. The Hongkong Chinese Training Unit and the Field Security Section are also entered in some events.

The point-scoring will be on the basis of six for first place to one for sixth place, ensuring strong competition for the places.

Two Chinese runners will represent the RASC in the mile run.

At the conclusion of the sports, the prizes will be presented by Mrs. de Burgh Morris, wife of Brigadier A. de Burgh Morris, CBE.

The Band of the Buffs Regiment will be in attendance, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion, the Buffs Regiment, Lt. Col. F. W. B. Parry.

A lower board on the front wall would make a "dill" easier and reduce the length of the rallies.

(London Express Service).

Final Callover On 2,000 Guineas

London, Apr. 26.—There was only a small attendance at the Victoria Club, London, tonight at the final callover on the Two Thousand Guineas, which will be run at Newmarket tomorrow.

Most of the bookmakers were at Newmarket and little business was transacted. Abernethy, the favourite, hardened from 2 to 1 to 7 to 4, and altogether only five horses were quoted.

Star King was unchanged at 7 to 2, but the odds against Peter Flower and Amour Drake were slightly extended.

The prices were:

7 to 1 Abernethy,

7 to 2 Star King,

7 to 1 Peter Flower and Amour Drake,

10 to 1 Nimbis,

20 to 1 the rest.

PROBABLE STARTERS

The revised list of probable runners and jockeys for the Two Thousand Guineas, to be run over one mile at Newmarket at 2.55 p.m. tomorrow, is as follows: Maknup (M. Bony) (T. Burn), Nimbis (E. C. Elliott), Star King (Douglas Smith), Bear Dance (C. Spares), Hindustan (E. Brit), Barnes Park (W. Cook), Abernethy (Gordon Richards), Decorum (T. Weston), Peter Flower (W. Rickaby), China Verdict (W. Evans), Beverly (J. Doyasbere), and Amour Drake (W. Johnston).

The list includes two French horses.—Reuter.

League Bowls

The Lawn Bowls League season will commence on May 14 and the draw for the first batch of matches was made at a meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association yesterday.

There are nine teams in the First Division, eight in the second and eight in the third. It was decided that entries for the Colony championships—singles, pairs, triples and rinks—will close on May 23 and the entrance fee will be \$5 per head.

The following were elected to the League Management Committee: U. M. Omar, C. P. Basto, C. Pope, T. A. Madar and J. Tindall.

It was also decided that there will be no registration of League players this season and matches will commence at 4 p.m.

The programme for May 14 is as follows: First Division: CCC v KCC; K. Docks v PRC; KBGC v R. Cereolo "B"; IRC v R. Cereolo "A"; HKCC, bye.

Second Division: R. Cereolo v HKFC; Talook v Filipino Club; IRC v KBGC; v CCC.

Third Division: PRC v POC; R. Cereolo v HKCC; KCC v K. Docks; KBGC v HKERC.

KCC TEAM

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in the return match against the Sports Club on Saturday, April 30, at 3.30 p.m. at the K.C.C.: C. R. Russell, J. Oren, C. Thompson, W. Baker, C. Trillie, F. Goodwin, R. S. Capell, W. J. Keaton, S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, A. E. P. Guest, J. H. Evans, E. E. Forrest, F. E. Skinner, T. Lock, W. E. Baker, W. A. Palmer, F. E. Lawrence, L. Brezney, H. Cowie, A. W. Rampey, J. Kew, J. M. Forrest, W. Rutterworth, H. Gillies, C. S. Rosewell, W. Hong Sing, Geo. Leo, Graham, C. I. Stapleton, E. C. Fincher, D. O. MacDonald.

STARTING HIM YOUNG



Joe Coleman, Philadelphia Athletic's big right-handed pitcher, and his son Joe, Jr., take to the mound during a spring training session at West Palm Beach, Fla. Dad won 14 games last year.

SCOTLAND'S JIMMY COWAN, A

Juggling Goalkeeper Won Fame in a Day

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

No ordinary goalkeeper is Scotland's Jimmy Cowan, who defied the England forward line at Wembley and did more than anyone to bring victory to his side. Jimmy has made a study of his art as thorough as a university man cramming for a degree.

When he came out of the Army in 1947 he met Harry Rennie, who played for Scotland nearly 50 years ago. Rennie introduced him to the theory of goalkeeping by angles.

That is how his "guide-line" came about. It is the line which he marks out with the toe of his boot from the penalty spot to the 18-yard line—at right angles to the line of the goal. He can see that line from anywhere inside the penalty box and so knows his position in relation to the goal when he comes out to narrow the angle for an approaching forward.

REBOUND PRACTICE

Rennie told Cowan how he used to throw a ball against a rock-face on the shores of Loch Long so that the rebounds were like shots from every angle.

There are no rock-faces handy to Cowan's home in Paisley or to the Morton ground, so he uses the ground terracing instead. He throws or shoots the ball from the pitch against the steps—from which the returns can be surprisingly varied.

Harry Rennie has another wrinkle to co-ordinate eye and hand. "Juggling," he told Cowan, "will quicken your reflexes." Cowan keeps a box of table-tennis balls at home and hours of practice every week have made him quite a proficient juggler—though he can't manage with more than three at a time so far.

An improvement of his own is to do the juggling while performing a "tight-rope" walk along the dividing wall between pitch and terracing at Capplecrow. That helps balance, another essential for the good keeper.

Hockey Fixtures

The following are the fixtures of the Hongkong Hockey Association:

INTERNATIONAL

Sunday: Portugal v Pakistan, King's Park (RINIC) 10 a.m. Uruguay, G. T. Palmer—A. E. P. Guest. International table to date: Holland, India and Ireland have all won once.

RAF have given a walk-over to the Police in the League.

LEAGUE TABLE

Final Standings

Club	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Club de Recreio	22	13	4	72	34	49
Army	22	13	4	37	23	34
Navy	22	13	4	44	19	33
Khalsa	22	13	4	48	22	30
H.K. Police	22	13	4	34	23	23
Civil Service	22	11	1	19	51	47
RAF	22	0	2	42	40	20
University	22	8	13	29	45	15
Dutch I.C.C.	22	8	13	23	45	15
Cable & Wireless	22	8	13	24	31	15
Dockyard R.C.	22	4	17	21	71	9
YMCA	22	2	1	10	15	92

Benefit Soccer Match For Yangtse Victims

It was decided at a sub-committee meeting of the Hongkong FA yesterday to play a benefit match for victims of the Yangtse shelling last week. The match will be between the Combined Services and the Rest of the Colony and will be played on May 25.

As from today, owing to the hot weather, junior League matches will commence at 4.30 p.m. and senior matches at 6 p.m.

The following were selected to represent the Colony in an Interport match against Macao at Boundary Street ground on May 7: Yu Yue-tak; Hau Yung-sang, Tozer; Cheng Kien-ho, Yau Wah-hing, Crainhead, Xavier (Capt.), Mullen, Tang Yee-let, Kierman and Wong King-chung; Reserves: Cheung Koon-hing, Rocha, Chung Shu-hing, Rollins, Tso Kam-hung, Castilho, Lee Tai-fai, Kwok Ying-kee, Howlett, Yu Cheuk-yu and B. Omar; Team manager Mr. A. McAlpine. Admission charges will be \$2.45 and 1.25.

The Army request to visit Macao on May 2 was granted.

CHAMPIONS v. REST

The Champions of the League will meet the Rest at Caroline Hill on May 8 at 5 p.m. and the Rest will be represented by: Anderson; Rocha, Tozer; Weller, Craighead (Capt.), Santos; West, Chau Man-chi, Tang Yee-let, Kierman and Omar; Reserves: Cheung Koon-hing, Kwok Yuh-wah, Ho Sing, Castilho, Yau Wah-hing, F/O Wilson, Ko Poching, Au Chi-yin, Kwok Ying-lee, Yu Cheuk-yin, Leung Wing-kwong; Team manager, Mr. A. J. Hussain.

At the conclusion of the match the presentation of trophies will be made by Mrs. Alexander, wife of Col. H. T. Alexander, Vice-President of the H.K.A.

If the runners-up position between K.M.B. and C.A.A. is not decided by then the match will be played as a curtain-raiser.

The season has been extended to May 22 and the following are the remaining fixtures:

May 11: Victory Shield match second round; May 14: Soong Ling-sing benefit match; May 18: Final of Victory Shield; May 23: Benefit match for victims of Yangtse shelling.

Kramer Near \$200,000 Earned In Professional Tennis

By BILL MACKLIN

London, Apr. 26.—Big Jack Kramer, who says he is well on the way to earning his second \$100,000 playing professional tennis, concedes himself four more years in the bigtime.

"When someone comes up who can beat me consistently," said Jack in an interview in London, "I'll retire from competitive play completely."

Kramer, who will be 28 on August 1, is acknowledged the best tennis player in the world today. He swept the amateur "Triple Crown" in 1947—winning the Wimbledon Championships, United States title and helping America hold the Davis Cup—and started to cash in with a professional debut on December 26 that year.

How much longer can he reign?

"If a guy lives a good clean life," he said, "and has the will to win, I think he could stay on top until he was 32. But it takes working at it. I have to ration my beers and lay off highballs."

Kramer brought his touring troupe, including Bobby Riggs, Dinny Pails and Pancho Segura, to Europe, in March. From Dec. 1947, through last month, Jack beat Riggs, his regular opponent, at least five out of six times. They have lost track of the exact figure on purpose.

The act needs to be freshened, with a new opponent for Kramer. He hopes that an amateur will capture the Triple Crown this summer and join the troupe.

SHORT LIST

Kramer rates Ted Schroeder on top of this short list of amateurs. Ted is a Californian who helped Kramer regain the Davis Cup from Australia in 1946.

"Equal second," Kramer said, "are Pancho Gonzalez and John Bromwich, who is coming out of Australia this year with nothing to lose and everything to gain. With no pressure on him, this might be John's year."

Gonzalez is the 21-year-old Yank who holds the three U.S. national titles—grass, hard courts and indoors.

In the next group down, Kramer places Bob Falkenburg, the American who won the 1948 Wimbledon Crown; Veteran Frankie Parker and Jaroslav Drobny, the Czech left hander.

"Drobny is the greatest player of the lot on any one day," Kramer said, "but unfortunately he can't play three

tough matches in a week like you have to do at Wimbledon."

POT OF GOLD

For one of them there's a pot of gold awaiting—if he can only prove supreme as an amateur during the next six months.

"I'll show him my bank account," said Jack, "and I don't think I'll have any trouble getting him to turn professional. I made \$115,000 the first year."

Kramer thinks English fans are the most enthusiastic in the world, and he's played on four continents.

From a world point of view, Kramer ranks tournaments in this order of importance:

1. Wimbledon; 2. The Davis

India Anxious About Hockey

Calcutta, Apr. 26.—The Indian Hockey Federation has sent a letter to the International Hockey Federation urging that hockey will not be excluded from the next Olympic Games.

The Indian Federation states that if no place is available in Helsinki, then only the semi-finals and finals should be played in Helsinki and the rest of the tournament held elsewhere in Europe.

If Europe is unwilling to hold the tournament, the letter suggests that it be held in India, which "has the world's best hockey grounds." The Indian Federation would be only too pleased to arrange the tournament, the message concluded.—Associated Press.

Cup, 3. United States Singles at Forest Hills, New York, 4. Pacific Southwest Championships at Los Angeles, with the French and Australian Championships tied for fifth.—Associated Press.

Chile's Team For The Davis Cup

Santiago, Chile, Apr. 26.—The veteran Marcelo Taverne and young Ricardo Balbiers make up Chile's tennis team which will play Ireland at Dublin in the first round of the European Zone Davis Cup Elimination Tournament on April 30, May 2 and 3.

Taverne, 32-year-old, has been a member of Chile's National Championship Doubles Team four times. In Singles, he has defeated such Latin American stars as the Argentine champion, Enrique Morea. Since 1936, Taverne has been a member of Chile's team in the Mitro Cup Tournament which corresponds to the South American tennis team championship.

The tall and lanky Balbiers, 23 years old, has been showing promise as an international player since he went to the United States last year as a student at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

He has defeated the American players, Gardner Mulloy and Herbert Behrens, in tournaments in the United States and Nassau.—Associated Press.

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MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Military Tactics And Bridge Take Plans

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
WAR Orphan Scholarships, Inc., is an organization that was started by the bridge players of the nation during the war, to provide scholarships for the children of those who were killed in action. At their annual meeting in Washington recently, I was re-elected president. During my stay in Washington, I had luncheon with Maj. Gen. A. M. Gruenther, director of the joint chiefs of staff, who is an interested and active member of the board of War Orphan Scholarships, Inc. I was asked General Gruenther what type of bridge players generals are. He replied that they do not get much time to play; but when they do play, there are two types—those who like to take a sporting chance, and those who carefully plan their bidding and play. In today's hand, which was given to me by the general, some

♠ 75
♥ QJ5
♦ 1072
♣ 9853

♠ 8043
♥ 24
♦ AK4
♣ AK04

W N E S
Dealer

♠ AK0
♥ AK032
♦ 9853
♣ J

Rubber—Neither vul.
1♥ 1♠ Pass Pass
2♥ 1♠ Pass Pass
3♥ 3♠ Pass Pass
Opening—AK 15

South players might make the mistake of going to four hearts after North bids three hearts. But South must not forget that North was quite willing to allow the hand to be played at two hearts. Therefore his bid of three hearts over two spades is only a competitive bid, not an aggressive one.

West cashes the king of clubs and continues with the ace, which declarer ruffs with the deuce of hearts. Now if South cashes the ace and king of spades and ruffs the nine of spades in dummy, he cannot make his contract, because he is going to have to ruff three clubs.

The thing to do is to cash the ace of hearts, then lead the nine of diamonds. West wins this with the ace and leads back the ace of clubs, which South ruffs with the three of hearts. Next he leads the eight of diamonds and lets it ride, East winning the trick with the jack.

He leads back the queen of clubs, South ruffs with the king of hearts and leads the five of diamonds. East wins this with the king, and his best play is to lead back the queen of spades, which declarer wins with the ace. A small heart is led to dummy's jack, the queen of hearts is picked up, East's ten and declarer leads his losing nine of spades at the same time.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What two animals make up the griffin, imaginary monster?
2. How is gelatin produced?
3. When and under whose command, was Tokyo first bombed?
4. How many pence in a pound (English currency)?
5. In music what is indicated by the expression "Tempo Ordinario"?
6. What does sang-de-boeuf mean?

(Answers in Column 6)

CROSSWORD

Across

1. This is as it would seem, a four-legged animal, but you use it in the gymnasium. (10)
2. The personal part of negotiations. (3)
3. Ways or methods of proceeding. (7)
4. The iron that provides the alternative. (10)
5. See 7 Down.
6. It measures the weight of gases. (10)
7. Take a letter from exam books and make this. (5-3)
8. See 1 Down.
9. This is how you take it, but it does not make the gaudier. (10)
10. Old they are, and they may be works of art. (10)
11. It is a shoulder blade. (4)
12. See 1 Across.
13. Mingles to you, but not in a fine idea; so Rupert says goodbye and true home with the giraffe and the hippo thinking merrily beside him. (10)
14. Nothing can make him look like a fool. (10)
15. See 10 Down.
16. Just the work to open. (4)
17. Poetically even. (3)

Down

1. And 21. Sunshade if you like, but it does not make the gaudier. (10)
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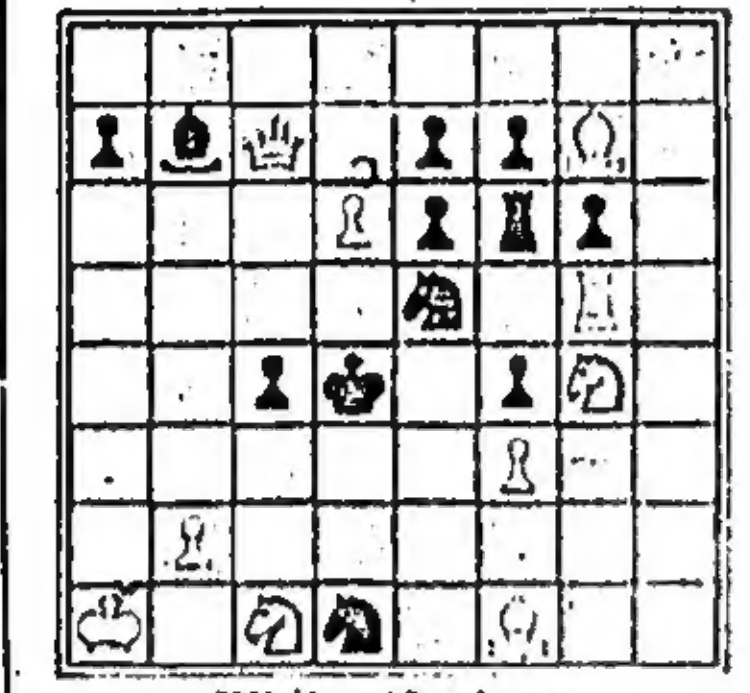
DUMB BELLS

THE BOY WAS PLAYING A MOUTH-ORGAN AND HE SWALLOWED IT!

HE'S LUCKY! HE WAS PLAYING A PIANO

CHESS PROBLEM

By R. FORTUNE
(First Prize BCF Tourney 57)
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem.

1. Q-QK1, any; 2. R, R or K mates.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Chirpie Sparrow's Friend

—He Brought Him Home to Breakfast—

By MAX TRELL
CHIRPIE Sparrow came to the window sill for his morning bread crumbs and Knarf and Handl, the shadowy children with the turned-about names, saw that he had a friend with him. The friend was a pigeon. Chirpie could eat a lot of crumbs but the pigeon seemed to be able to eat even more, and much faster.

As soon as Chirpie noticed Knarf and Handl, he introduced his friend to them. "I met him in the park," he said. "How do you do," said the pigeon to Knarf and Handl. The pigeon had large round eyes, white feathers and it looked quite fat. "Do you live in the park?" Knarf asked him. "Not always," answered the pigeon. "Do you mind if I ask you a favour?"

"Certainly not," said Knarf and Handl together. "What is it?" "Just don't bother asking me questions until I finish eating. The more I talk, the less I eat. The less I eat, the sooner I get hungry. I don't like getting hungry." "He's a very smart pigeon," Chirpie said to Knarf and Handl. "He spends most of his time in the park because the people who come to the park give him peanuts. He spends the rest of the time at the top of a church steeple." "Oh!" exclaimed Handl, looking at the pigeon. "What do you do at the top of a church steeple?" "The pigeon didn't bother answering so Chirpie said, 'He lives up there with a flock of other pigeons. They get a wonderful view. I wouldn't mind living in that church steeple myself. There's only one trouble about it.'"

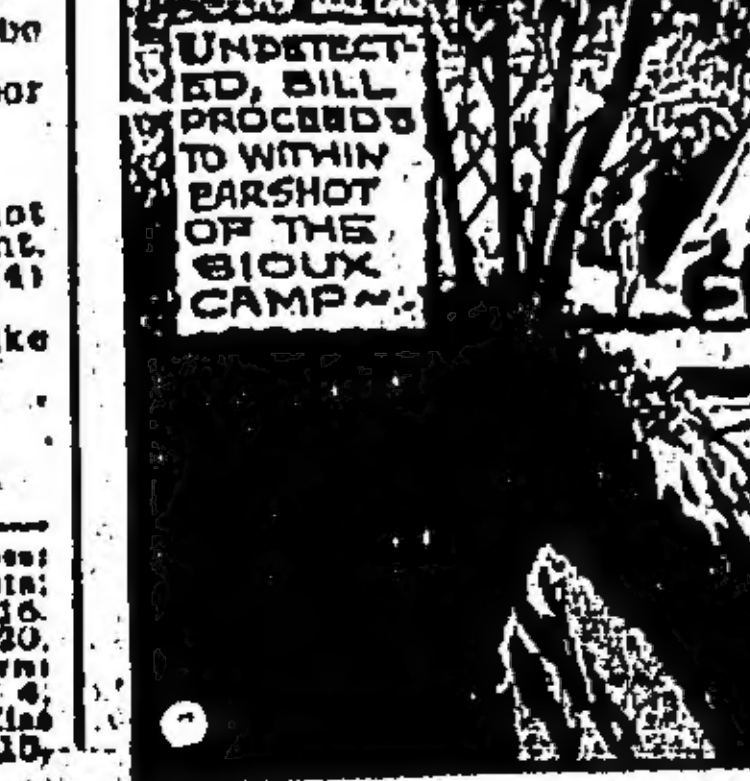
Rupert & the live toys—15



Rupert quickly makes his plans. "Tomorrow I'll try to get hold of some of our friends," he says, "and we'll have a little party specially for these two and let them choose who they would like to belong to. They deserve a good Christmas after being up in that toy store so long. Meanwhile I'm sure my mummy will let them sleep in our cottage for tonight." Sylvia thinks it is a fine idea, so Rupert says goodbye and true home with the giraffe and the hippo thinking merrily beside him.

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BRONCHO BILL



MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT TELLS HIS STORY

TRIAL AND ERROR
By Chaim Weizmann
(Hansham Hamilton, 21s.)

THE notable statesman and Zionist leader, Dr. Weizmann, here tells the story of his eventful life from his birth in Russia in 1874 until he became first President of Israel in 1949. Sometimes witty, sometimes ironical or angry, but always interesting, the Zionist leader, who did more than any other living man for the future of the Jews, describes his first Zionist dreams during his schooldays in Russia and later, how they developed when he moved to Germany to continue his education.

He says: "In my early childhood, Zionist ideas and aspirations were already awake in me. My father was not yet a Zionist, but the house was steeped in rich Jewish tradition, and Palestine was at the centre of the ritual, a longing for it implicit in our life. Practical nationalism did not assume form till some years later, but 'Zionism' was in the air, a vague, deep-rooted Messianism, a hope which would not die. We heard the conversations of our elders, and we were caught up in the restlessness."

Anti-Semitism was taking root in Germany at that time. So Zionism was anti-Semitism for more deeply in the long run, than the mob anti-Semitism of Russian city hooligans.

MY FRIEND SERAFIN

By Anthony Armstrong
(Methuen, 7/6)

This is a purely a book of good fun. It concerns the adventures of an amazing character, Serafin, a mid-European, or "hard-drinking, battered-looking, impetuous frequenter of pubs" whom the author met at the end of a Paris holiday before the war.

The book is well illustrated by "Billings" and is divided into 24 hilarious chapters all through which the narrator buys Serafin double gins and hears the latter's adventures in return. Chapter 13 begins: "Hal! It is you! You are good-looking, yes!" breezily inquired Serafin, overlooking me in a street in Lyons. "Inn Boon!" "I'm fine I replied. Where are you going?" "First to the lift and third door on the lift," he answered promptly, taking my arm. "Needless to say the place was a 'Serafin' wanted to recount a 'lonny' inexperience, and so another escapade starts. (Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

BORN today, you are exceptionally strong-willed; know where you want to go; and usually take the shortest cut to get there. Those standing in your way are brushed aside. You are the same ones who will stand by your side when success comes. You are loyal to those who support you, but will make no compromise with opponents to gain their favour. With you, it is all or nothing! Your intentions are keen although you might be the last to admit it. You are inclined to believe in a higher power than your own. But you also believe that you can make a bargain with fate and work things out as you wish them to go provided you hold honest code of ethics. Such a combination can bring you strength and success if you make the fullest use of all your talents. But, if you fail in your first objective, you are apt to become bitter and it will take considerable personal determination to pick you out of such a depressed mood. These times you are much too inclined to blame others for your mistakes rather than to analyse your own actions to discover underlying faults. Overcome this tendency to be over critical of others and to brood over minor setbacks and you can win out eventually. Fond of travel and the beautiful things of life both you men and women will want to spend at least part of your life seeing the world. You women enjoy fine clothes and probably will have a talent for dressing exceptionally well, even on a small budget. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

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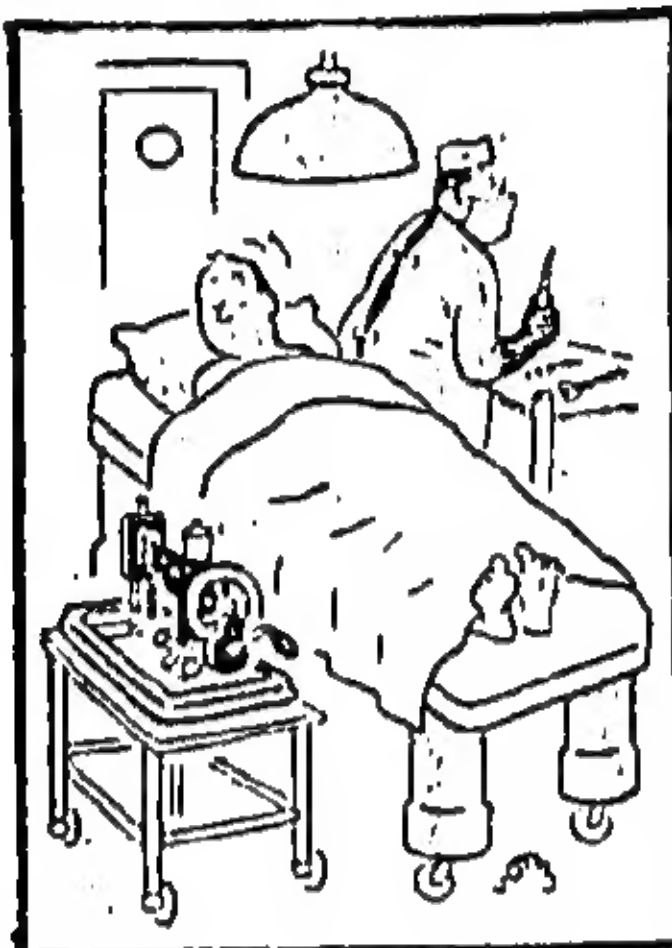
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

Momentous Decisions Awaited

London, Apr. 26.—Momentous decisions enabling the future Republican India to remain in the Commonwealth as an equal partner with the other members were expected to be taken by the Dominion Prime Ministers in a secret session here late tonight. The decisions would inaugurate a new era in Commonwealth relations.

Following this morning's two-hour meeting of the leaders, quarters close to several of the Commonwealth delegations said that there was a rapid approach to an agreement on a joint declaration proclaiming a free and equal association of all the member nations, including Republican India.

POCKET CARTOON



Italy Still Hopes For Her Colonies

Lake Success, Apr. 26.—The Political Committee of the UN General Assembly resumed its debate at Lake Success today on the future of Italy's former colonies.

Italian Ambassador Alberto Tarchiani reiterated Italy's hopes of getting the colonies back.

M. Tarchiani devoted most of his statement to answering the charges that Italy had done nothing to improve conditions in her former colonies.

He said when Italy took over Eritrea and Somalia, anarchy prevailed and everything had to be built from the start economically.

The Libyan situation was different, he said. But the political and cultural level of the Libyan people had fallen now.

He said a remarkable transformation took place just before the outbreak of the Second World War. Cities were built, industries founded and miles of roads constructed.

Italy spent over \$1,000,000,000 at the prewar rate of exchange to develop the colonies, M. Tarchiani maintained.

He contended that the efforts of the Fascists, whom "we are the first to condemn," do not make as black a record as has been painted.

M. Tarchiani repeated the pledge made earlier by Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, that good care would be taken of any colonies entrusted to Italy's administration now.—Associated Press.

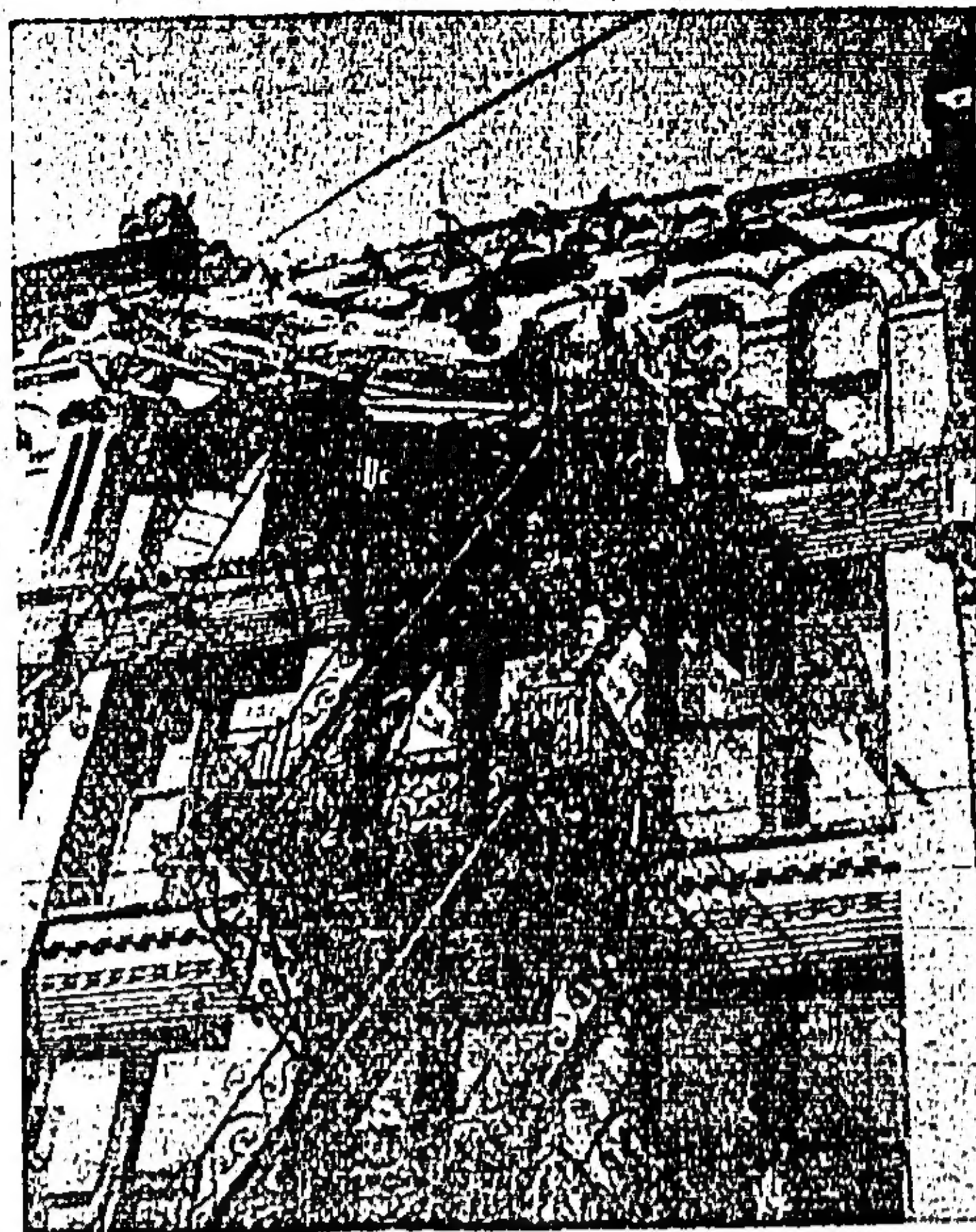
ZILLIACUS PUTS IN A PROTEST

Paris, Apr. 26.—Mr. Konni Zilliacus, Labour left wing Member of Parliament, and M. Pierre Cot, a French deputy and a former Air Minister, protested in a joint statement today against the refusal of the United States Government to grant them visas to enter the country. They had been invited to visit the United States to accompany Mr. Henry Wallace, former Vice-President, on a Progressive Party speaking tour.—Reuter.

Soviets Forecast Coup D'Etat

Moscow, Apr. 26.—Reports are appearing in the Soviet press that a coup d'etat may take place in Beirut similar to the one in Syria.

The Soviet press is making no comment on the subject, although it has intimated the British were behind the recent events in Damascus.—Associated Press.



These two pictures give some idea of the damage caused by the earthquake which rocked the American north-west Pacific coastline this month. Above, cornice on a Seattle hotel ripped loose, breaking windows and damaging the fire escape. Opposite a vacant mill building collapsed and so did the top of the towering chimney in Tacoma, Washington. Workmen labouring at the base of the chimney escaped injury.—AP Picture.

Attlee Will Not Discuss Colour Bar

London, Apr. 26.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, rejected a suggestion by Mr. Emrys Hughes, Labour, in the House of Commons today that he should discuss the Dominion Prime Ministers during their visit to London the question of discrimination against coloured peoples.

When asked if he would do this, he replied briefly: No, sir. Mr. Hughes asked if the Prime Minister was aware that "racial discrimination has become so bad in South Africa, here Lord Winterbottom, Opposition Conservative, intervened to say that it had been consistently laid down by Speakers of the House of Commons that no question could be asked reflecting on the policy of a Dominions Government.

Mr. Scotland, Labour, suggested that it was in order to bring up any question covering British subjects.

The Speaker, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, said: "A self-governing Dominion is responsible to itself and not to this House. Lord Winterbottom is correct. One should not criticise the Government of a Dominion."

When Mr. Sydney Silverman, Labour, asked if it would be in order to put down a question about the protection of the rights of British subjects in the Dominions, the Speaker said these were "purely hypothetical questions which I should like to see in writing before I can give an answer, but I should think not."

Mr. William Gallacher, Communist, said there was a young clergyman in Britain who had been imprisoned in South Africa because of his association with coloured peoples.

Was it not in order to ask the Prime Minister to raise the matter at the Dominions Conference?

The Speaker: "There is no responsibility of the Prime Minister for that. Questions must be devoted to matters for which Ministers are responsible."—Reuter.



"We're playing nicely together, mother. I'm making clay animal crackers, and Jill's eating them."

Preparatory Arab-Jewish Peace Conference

Lausanne, Apr. 26.—A preparatory Arab-Jewish peace conference will open in Lausanne tomorrow, but the Arab and Israeli delegations will not negotiate directly "at first," UN officials said yesterday.

The conference is sponsored by the three-member UN Palestine Conciliation Commission, which comprises Turkey, France and the United States.

The talks were originally due to open yesterday but were postponed because some delegations were delayed by bad flying weather. Syrian, Lebanese and Egyptian delegations have now arrived. The Israeli and Transjordan delegations are expected to arrive early tomorrow. The talks will open with a meeting of the Commission and the Arab delegations.

Later in the day the Commission will meet the Israeli delegation, which is expected to be headed by S. Sassoon, chief of the Arab Affairs section of the Israeli Foreign Office. All the meetings are to be held in strictest secrecy.

The Arab and Jewish delegations will not meet directly for the time being, Commission officials said.

The major items of discussion are expected to be the fate of an estimated 800,000 Arab refugees from Palestine in the Arab countries and the definition of the Israel frontier.

The four Arab delegations will represent all the Arab countries bordering on Israeli occupied territory.—Associated Press.

Fewer Divorces

Ottawa, Apr. 26.—For the first time in eight years, divorces took a tumble in 1948.

The 6,881 divorces in Canada during last year was a decrease of 16 percent over that of 1947.

Until this dip, divorces had shown a steady upward climb that started during the wartime days of 1940.—United Press.

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